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Shorts...

★ "Knowledge lying dormant and not yet employed to useful purpose is of very little value. One may attain membership in the Church for example, by complying with all the requisite initiatory ordinances but if he stops there, as some do, he may not assume that his salvation is assured, no matter how correct in the abstract his personal conduct may be.

"One must progress or retrograde. One cannot stand still. Activity is the law of growth, and progress is the law of life.

"Obedience to the governing law, cooperation with others, helping them to build up the kingdom of God, is indispensable."

—Elder Albert E. Bowen

"The moral tragedy of every life is that the possibilities are one thing; the capabilities are one thing, and the achievements are another thing."

—Andrew Mutch

The Art of Achievement is the art of making life . . . your life . . . a masterpiece.

—Anon

"Anyone who purposes to do good must not expect people to roll stones out of his way, but must accept his lot calmly if they even roll a few more upon it."

—Dr. Albert Schweitzer

The good thing about beginning at the bottom is that you always have something to go back to.

—Anon

GOALS

AND DIRECTION



"Make No Little Plans.... There's

By Monitor C. Noyce

★ "Where there is no vision the people perish." Proverbs 29:18.

That ageless proverb would appear to take on a deeper meaning as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Great Britain begin a new year—1969.

This new year, incidentally, is the start of the second decade of the "New Era" for the Church in Great Britain, as was announced in 1959. The first "New Era" came as a result of the growth and expansion of the Church. It resulted in new missions, stakes, a great building programme including the London Temple, Hyde Park Chapel, and scores of other chapels. The foundation for all this was the renewed proselyting programme and the Prophet David O. McKay's admonition, "every member a missionary."

Here then is your new year, number 1969, What will you accomplish during its 365 days? Very little, unless you have a goal, set your sights and head in the right direction. Like a navigator of a large ship, you must set your goal, determine the course (plan of action) and then get to work. Select a goal for the year, achieve it a day at a time, through 365 approaches each aimed toward the goal.

Goals Stressed

Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve, while in Great Britain last Autumn stressed the necessity of having goals. He asked each stake and mission presidency, each bishopric and branch presidency, to set goals for their respective units that the work of the Lord might go forward. These objectives and goals were recorded and will be reviewed periodically to determine if progress is being made in the specified areas.

Similarly individuals must have goals and plans to be effective. Surely we must start at the beginning. The tragedy is that too often we never start, for too many of us are not self-starters, we depend upon the charge from another's "battery." We fail to realize we too have the same power to improve, to grow, if we but utilize the God-given talents and abilities we possess.

Rather than wander aimlessly through another year, let us "have vision" and set a goal or goals (not too many, so that we may concentrate) and then check-up on ourselves periodically. The check-up is necessary so that in the event we find ourselves diverting we can realign our sights, focusing more accurately.

The Main Goal

As Latter-day Saints our main destination in terms of eternal progress, is Eternal Life (living in God's presence).

A long range goal for the year might be to take the family to the temple. We cannot reach our ultimate goal without this ordinance which takes planning, preparation, study, faith, parti-

Nothing In Them To Stir Men's Souls"

cipation, heeding of the commandments of the Lord, to name but a few.

Another long range goal might be a mission. The preparation and saving for this may stretch over many years.

Each year, as a father, I have felt the great influence of the Family Home Evening manual in our home. These manuals teach us a lesson in setting goals and achieving them, as each manual contains a goal for the year's course, plus a goal for each lesson through the year. The overall goal being "to motivate families to improve their attitudes and behaviour by obeying the laws of God more fully . . . the purpose being to direct each individual to question, "How does this concern me?" One answer is that it helps build an attitude in Latter-day Saint families that will inspire them to obey the laws of God as well as of the land even when it means self-denial. Each lesson suggests what this family hour can do for members of the family in achieving these goals and getting the messages into the hearts and minds for action.

No Little Plans

Someone once said, "make no little plans—there's nothing in them to stir men's souls." We must set our aim high —even though we may fail to reach our objective—we will have progressed further than if we had set a small goal. We are told by the Lord in this day and age that unless we are headed in the right direction we may be retrogressing. We must not go through



life aimlessly.

Yes, this is a New Era in Great Britain for the Church and it will be only as great as each Latter-day Saint makes it. We must all move forward together—prompting each other to "envision the goal."

Long Range Goals — Mission —

★ President David O. McKay offers these thoughts to guide youth in the New Year.

"I should like to apply the few sayings expressed during the Saviour's life to the individual lives of God's children.

"Jesus spoke not only to the few people who followed Him, but to all mankind. So I take that admonition to apply to young people everwhere—seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness—assuring them with faith, that all other things needful and helpful will be added.

"Too many people in the world seek to become useful in ways which are contrary to the seeking of the kingdom of God. In other words, life is divided into two great planes—the animal and the spiritual. If you open your eyes and look around you, you will find that most people seek delight in the animal world rather than in the spiritual. With all my heart, after many years' experience, I say to you young people especially, that usefulness, pleasure, joy and happiness in this life come by following Christ's admonition to seek first His kingdom.

"If you would obtain the highest success and the most contentment of mind, practice in your daily contacts the ideals of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"I do not hestitate to make that statement without modification. I know the results will be what I have indicated. They will make our young peopie more dutiful sons and daughters, more clever students, more desirable companions, more loyal friends, more helpful members of society, more worthy mothers and fathers of future families; make them more successful in fulfilling the measure of their creation on earth.

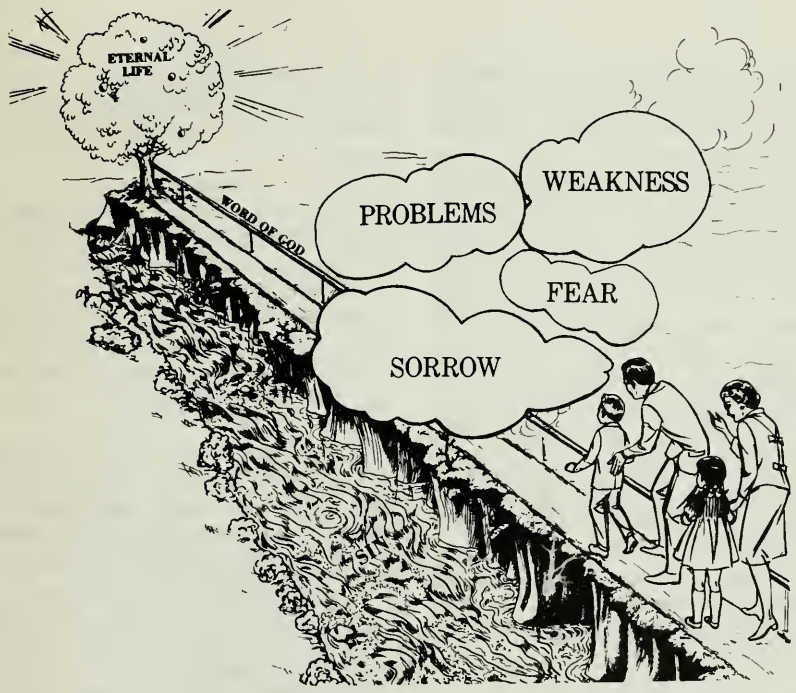
To you students I would say, make yourselves more proficient in your chosen professions or vocations; become more efficient, more useful to others, and have more personal joy. Whatever your chosen profession or vocation, be determined to excel therein.

'Though I urge excellence on the part of students, there is something higher than excellence in your chosen professions. It is that something which makes the man. It is something which makes the beautiful woman, the man of service to humanity, the woman of love and service to those whom she loves; the thing which a man really believes in his heart, which he cherishes as he goes through life, which guides him in the school room, in the dance hall, in social functions, in all his activities—in the home, the Church, and in business. What he actually thinks is the thing he lives. To change men in the world, we must change their thinking. Men do not go beyond their ideals. They often fall short of them, but they never go beyond them.

"Paul puts it another way:

"' . . . Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Temple Marriage — Eternal Life Etc.



'For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." (Gal. 5:16,17.)

Paul enumerates the works of the flesh, manifest in:

'" . . . Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.

"Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations wrath, strife, seditions, heresies.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness . . . " and that is done by encouraging, thinking, and living the fruits of the Spirit, which are . . .

"Love, Joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness goodness, faith.

"Meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.

"If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit." Gal. 5:22-25

We are all moving forward more or

"Where There Is No Vision

less in a dense forest of humanity. Some lose their sense of direction: others wisely have an anchor, and they can find their way back, even if they wander across the road or become confused in the maze of human association.

That anchorage is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and its ideals. Happiness, safety, character which is higher than intellect, result from holding to that anchor. Be true to the spiritual ideals of honesty, virtue, chastity—the anchor of your life—bringing happiness and peace to your soul by following those ideals in daily life . . . Every joy, every happiness may be yours by conforming to the ideals as set forth by the Saviour.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33.)

★ Due to the pressures of daily life and the apparent inherent "pull" of the mortal world, sometimes it is easy for one to lose his focus upon eternal things and lose a long-range perspective, becoming fully absorbed in the affairs of the present, if not the moment . . . (Melchizedek Priesthood manual for 1966)

"If one can be aroused from this mortal lethargy and awakened to a realization of the incomparable magnitude of the Gospel and the Priesthood with its immortal power, he cannot be other than grateful for it and moved to to bring himself into a more complete harmony with the Gospel and God, its author."

Whole Armour

The Lord in modern day revelation further encourages us as we learn from Doctrine & Covenants 27:15-18:

"Wherefore, lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you my whole armour that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all that ye may be able to stand.

"Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, which I have sent mine angels to commit unto you.

"Taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all fiery darts of the wicked.

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of my Spirit, which I will pour out upon you, and my word which I reveal unto you, and be agreed as touching all things whatsoever ye ask of me, and be faithful until I come, and ye shall be caught up, that where I am ye shall be also. Amen."

Moved Forward

Go forward and not backward, was the admonition of the Prophet Joseph Smith:

"Brethren, shall we not go on in so great a cause? Go forward and not backward. Courage, brethren, and on

The People Perish" Proverbs 29:15

to the victory! Let your hearts rejoice, and be exceedingly glad. Let the earth break forth into singing. Let the dead speak forth anthems of eternal praise to the King Immanuel, who hath ordained, before the world was, that which would enable us to redeem them out of their prison for the prisoners shall go free. (D&C 128:22.)

"Behold, the great day of the Lord is at hand, and who can abide the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appeareth? . . ." (D&C 128:24.)

Each Head Accountable

We are each the custodian of the years of mortality with which we have been blessed and each will be held accountable for the use of those same years. By the same right, each is charged with his intellectual and other personal skills and endowments and the utilization thereof. The Lord told us each is the steward over his possessions and will be held responsible for what he does with the same. Each holder of the Melchizedek Priesthood needs to examine his life thus determining the stewardship and administration of his spiritual affairs and resolve to improve in this area under the Spirit of the Lord.

Again, the Lord has counseled in this day "and whoso is found a faithful, a just, and a wise steward shall enter into the joy of his Lord, and shall inherit eternal life." (D&C 51:19)

"And he that is a faithful and wise steward shall inherit all things." D&C 78:22.)

For behold He said, "this is my work and my glory to bring about the immortality and eternal life of man."

★ It was the late U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy who said that this generation is faced with the task of taking the lead in the introduction of "a new order of things, and the road is strewn with many dangers."

Senator Kennedy cited four dangers. He quoted an Italian philosopher who said that "there is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things."

The danger of futility is first. Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation . . . Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

"If Athens shall appear great to you consider then that her glories were purchased by valiant men and by men who learnt their duty" said Pericles. That is the source of all greatness in

all societies, and it is the key to progress in our time.

One thing that the late President John F. Kennedy stood for, that touched the most profound feelings of people across the world, was the belief that idealism, high aspirations, and deep convictions are not incompatible with the most practical and efficient of programmes— that there is no basic inconsistency between ideals and realistic possibilities, no separation between the deepest desires of heart and mind and the rational application of human effort to human problems.

This second danger of expediency is of those who say that hopes and beliefs must bend before immediate necessities. Of course, if we would act effectively we must deal with the world as it is. We must get things done.

Of course, to adhere to standards, to idealisms, to vision in the face of immediate dangers, takes great courage and self-confidence. But we also know that only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

Timidity is the third danger. Few men are willing to brave the disapproval of their fellows, the censure of their colleagues, the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a world that yields most painfully to change.

Aristotle said, "at the Olympic games it is not the finest and the strongest men who are crowned, but they who enter the lists. . . . So in the life of the honourable and the good it is they who act rightly who win the prize."

And so in this generation those with the courage to enter the moral conflict will find themselves with companions in every corner of the world.

The temptation to follow the easy and familiar paths of personal ambition and financial success so grandly spread before those who enjoy the privilege of education leads to the fourth danger —comfort. But that is not the road history has marked for us.

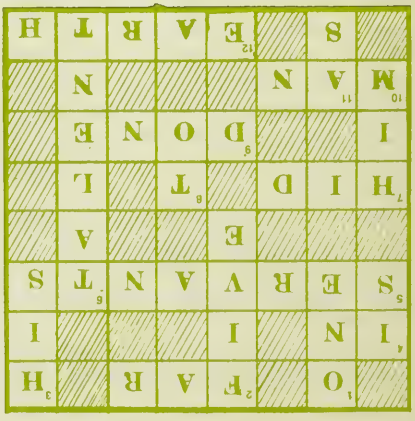
Like it or not we live in times of danger and uncertainty, but they are also more open to the creative energy of men than any other time in history. Our future may lie beyond our vision, but it is not completely beyond our control.

It is the shaping of the irrestible tides of history by our own hands matched to reason and principle, that will determine destiny. There is pride in that, even arrogance, but there is also experience and truth. In any event, it is the only way we can live.

Yes, we can perish without vision. Life can hold more than we ever dreamed, if we have a goal, for where there is no vision . . . we may perish.

Yes, here then is your new year, number 1969, what will you do with it?

Answers to Crossword Puzzle



Housewife's Goals

by Gwen G. Smart, Worcester Branch

Your future lies before you
Like a sheet of driven snow.
Be careful how you tread it
For every step will show.

★ This little jingle written in an autograph book, years ago, by a young childhood friend often runs through my mind as a new year approaches. A whole new year made up of 365 brand new unsoiled days is spread out "like a sheet of driven snow". Every word, thought and deed will make some imprint on it. Every step will show. What can I do to bring myself and family a little nearer to being worthy of that great reward "Well done thou good and faithful servant".

The Old games

For years I played the age old game of making new year resolutions. I use the word game deliberately because it was really nothing more. Before the first month of the new year was out most of them had been forgotten or pushed so far back into the recesses of the mind to remain undisturbed by conscience. Later I played the easier game of not making resolutions at all saying, "I always forget them so now I don't make any". This year, however, looking back on 1968 with its riots, wars, protests, famine, disasters, crime and general immorality and discontent, it seems to me that if I and the millions of ordinary housewives and mothers, like myself, could achieve a few well thought out goals which will improve and develop not only our own personalities and characters, but also those of our families, then we could be a great force in making this world a healthier, happier, more spiritual place in which to live.

Lesson Objectives

With these thoughts in mind I recalled a recent Relief Society lesson. The objective of which was to stress that control is the focus which gives energy its direction. To illustrate a Story by Albert Wetjin entitled "Command" was studied. This was the story of a captain of a passenger ship. His responsibilities lay in three main directions, first, his ship; second his crew; and third, his passengers. The last being equal with the first in importance. He could not channel his thoughts and actions on one of these responsibilities at a time, all three must be constantly receiving his time and attention and he must never at any time convey any anxiety he may feel to any of his passengers. He must be in command the whole of the time. True he had officers and men to help him but his was the ultimate responsibility if they failed so he must be in constant touch with every aspect of that voyage. There were many anxieties. As his passengers lay peacefully sleeping he was steering the ship through fog and icy waters, at the same

time he must listen to the ships Doctor who had a dying seaman below. As they came through the fog and he was about to climb into his bunk a new problem confronted him. Fire had broken out in the engine room, the source of which was not easily traced. They were carrying oil, one small spark could set the whole ship ablaze. Ships in the vicinity must be warned of their danger in case they were needed for rescue. A constant eye must be kept on the weather. a dead seaman needed burial. Through all this he must continue to mingle with his passengers at regular intervals to dine with them, engage in the general pleasant conversation of the ladies, play bridge with and listen to the rather boring jokes of a shareholder travelling with him, who made no bones of telling him he had an easy job with so many men to do his bidding. At no time must any of his passengers see in him any trace of his worries and fears, his tiredness or weight of his responsibilities. He must be in control all the time he was steering his ship, passengers and crew, safely to harbour.

Control Emotions

After the story the position of the captain was likend to that of a mother. Although the settings and responsibilities are different a housewife and mother must cope with innumerable responsibilities, worries and anxieties, focusing her attention on each member of the family all at one time. To be successful she must have the supreme outward calm and control shown by the captain. Here, I thought, is my first goal for 1969. More control of emotions. "Feelings" the class leader said "are good servants but bad masters". How true this is. If I can exercise more control and can teach my family the advantages of being in command of their feelings, then here will be four people better equipped to resist the temptations of the world.

Handcart Pioneers

A second story "Ordeal by Handcart" by Wallace Stegner was an account by a non-Mormon of the plight of the last two handcart companies to cross the plains in 1856. Their control came through in the fact that no matter how desperate their plight they never once deviated from the high standards of Latter-day Saint life. The outstanding quality of their ordeals however, must be their indomitable courage in the face of extreme adversity. Each day, no matter how weak they were they rose up and pushed a little further. Fathers carried their children until the day before they died. One young girl died in the act of putting food to her lips. "Life went out as smoothly as a lamp when the oil runs out". What tremendous courage. Then someone suggested we needed just as much courage today but in other directions from sheer physical courage.

Head Our Children

Thinking upon this led me to my second goal—courage. I don't have to lead my children through frozen wastes, underfed and inadequately clothed, sleeping with only the sky for a roof, but looking again at the world as it is today I certainly need as much courage as those early Saints to lead them through the hazards that beset us on every side. In the face of worldly opposition it will take courage to speak out against those evil practices which will lead them through the frozen wastes of momentary pleasures, leaving them spiritually underfed and underclothed to sleep under the sky of total destruction. This courage I must acquire for myself. I must be ever ready to speak out in support of important Gos-

pel principles to all whom I meet. This courage must also be fostered in my family. By example I must lead them in not only striving to better live the teachings of Jesus Christ themselves, but in exhorting others to accept them into their lives.

Hope Of Achievement

These then are my goals for 1969. "Not many", some may say. True, but I feel the folly of past resolutions was that too many were made and there was no hope of achieving them. If I set goals they must be realistic in that I can have some hope of achievement. These two—Control and Courage—will not be achieved easily in a short time. I shall need to work at them constantly on each of the 365 days.

If each Latter-day Saint housewife in Great Britain would set just two goals for achievement in 1969 what a great and mighty force, for good we could become, with our families "in training" following. Whatever our goal each step will show on our new year sheet of driven snow. Each one achieved will be of valuable assistance to us in the building up of the Kingdom of God.

Midland's West District Presidents Goals For 1969

★ I could think of one hundred or more goals I would like to score in 1969 as a District President. When a football player goes out onto the playing field, his hopes are for his Team to win. Planned preparation by the Team, the Manager and the Trainer many days before the match mould the team into good physical and spiritual condition, not for the player's own sake but for the good of the Team.

We as individual Church members have very similar procedures to attend to if we are to reach our goals. We need to train ourselves to develop the right attitudes, to give much and expect little, and to obey the rules of our Manager and Trainer, our elder Brother who always kept to the rules. If we keep His rules our goals will always be reached.

For the most part each of us have excellent training in co-operation and Team Spirit in the Home, so, my first Goal would be to encourage every Branch to work as a Team, with many and varied objectives, each Leader delegating specific goals to be completed at a specified time and date, thus finalising one phase of the journey towards the final goal ,and reporting the progress to the whole Team.

My second goal would be to endeavour to see that the whole membership was making progress, and constantly being re-assured that they are wanted and needed.

The third goal would be to foster a very efficient Fellowshipping programme through Home Teaching, Visiting Teaching, and Auxillary Leaders. To achieve this kind of progress we need the right kind of tools, and our major tool is

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Winners Announced In 1968 Millennial Star Short Story Contest

★ The Millennial Star announces herewith the results of the 1968 Short Story Contest. Published in the current issue is the first prize entry submitted by Sister Karen B. Bateman, 12 Alexandra Court, 175 Queen's Gate, London S.W.7 (Hyde Park Ward, London Stake) Her story is entitled, "A Tiny White Bonnet " Only a month ago Mrs. Bateman was declared winner of the Poetry Contest.

Other winning entries will be published in subsequent issues of The Millennial Star. Additional stories entered but which did not receive awards, may be published in later issues of the magazine as opportunity presents.

The Deseret Enterprises Ltd. Board of Directors and the Millennial Star Editorial Staff express their appreciation to the many persons who entered the competition, and also to the judges for their earnest consideration of the stories.

Others winners as selected by the judges include:

Second prize, Sister Maureen L. Waghorn, 24 Sweet Briar Avenue, Benfleet, Essex, for her story, "Dorcas."

Third prize, Judi Hartley, 247 Station Road, Winsford, Cheshire (Northwich Branch) for her entry, "The Conversion."

"A whisper Of Love" by Elizabeth Divers, 101 Winton Road, Irvine, Ayrshire (Stevenston Branch) won the fourth prize.

Sister Lyn Leece, 15 North Bank St., Monifieth, Dundee, received fifth prize for her story, "It's Simple Arithmetic."

Sixth through twelfth place included:

"The Boy" by Diana Lofthouse, 17 St. Wulstan Close, York, YO3 7SJ Yorkshire.

"In a Mysterious Way" by Nancy Sanderson, 5 Setting Road, Hull Yorkshire, (West Hull Branch).

"Together Always" by Sister Pamela A. Woods, 19 Rostwold Way, Catton, Norwich, Nor 83 N, formerly of the Gorleston Branch.

"Out Of The Shadows" by Margery Grace Miller, 27 Sheffield Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, Essex (Romford Ward, London Stake).

"One Early Morning" by Anne Plumbly, 41 Deerhurst Crescent, Pauls Grove, Portsmouth, Hants, (Portsmouth Branch).

"Helen's Letter" by Sister Pat Pritchard, 36 Trem Elidir, Bangor, Caerns.

"Out of the Mouth of Babes" by Sister Joyce Roberts, 17 Tweed St., Ayr. Ayrshire.

Winning Story



A Tiny White Bonnet

by Karen B. Bateman

★ Ellen fondled the tiny white bonnet, trimmed in pink, over and over in her hands. A huge lump, like solid granite, rose in her throat. Her eyes welled with tears as her mind raced over the events of the past year.

She remembered how thrilled she and Tom had been when they discovered another child was coming to their home, and how they had hoped and longed for a little baby girl. Not that they had anything against boys mind you . . . they found great delight in four little masculine stair steps: Ronnie 10, Jeremy 8, Timothy 5, and Gary nearly 4.

Then that special day when Rachel arrived. She was so dainty and fair, much like Ellen herself as a child. How secure and complete Tom and Ellen's world seemed.

But their security was to last a little over a week. Ellen noticed that Rachel had a very frail little cry, but excused that to her dainty feminity Then, however, the doctors became concerned . . . and then that long terrible week of testing and examinations. A hole in the heart, the doctors had said. Such a tiny little heart to have so much wrong. Ellen had felt as if her own heart had been torn out.

After a month, they had been allowed to take Rachel home, but only if some strict rules were observed, no draughts, no excess noise. The sight of those rough and ready boys tiptoeing around the house like awkward ballet dancers was refreshing.

The next two months were very difficult. How much Ellen longed to caress and play with Rachel . . . to take her out in the pram on a sunny day for all to admire. Ellen however, was courageous, she worked diligently to keep the sterile conditions the doctors had prescribed so that the tiny little girl could continue to grow strong.

Eventually the doctors had felt that Rachel was strong enough for the operation. How she and Tom had prayed for that little child to remain with them . . . for the operation to be successful.

When the day came they were to return Rachel to the hospital, Ellen was very upset. How could she part with her daughter? How could she return her

to that hospital? As they started the brief journey in the car, Tom had sensed how deep and heavy were Ellen's feelings, and had suggested that maybe they could stop by that baby shop near the Post Office, so that she would be able to buy something very special just for Rachel.

Ellen remembered looking around the shop, until her eyes had caught the beautiful white bonnet, with a delicate hint of pink on the brim. How beautiful Rachel had looked in it.

The operation took several hours and at last a very tired and saddened doctor broke the news. "I'm sorry, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, but we just couldn't save her. Rachel was a spunky fighter, but her little body was simply not strong enough to stand the shock."

That had been over a month ago, and still those words pierced her as she thought. And this bonnet . . . it seemed all she had left of her daughter. How cruel life had been to her. She could never adjust . . . never! Tom tried so hard to help, but she felt herself drawing further and further from him. Ronnie and Jeremy were older and seemed to sense a bit more, but Gary and Timmy were hopless. What a lot of unnecessary noise those thoughtless boys made. How tired she was of cleaning up after untidy children. Oh, how she resented her position in this bastian of men!

The next few days Ellen became more and more withdrawn and tempermental. She shouted at the children. She fought with the little lady next door, simply because her cat had jumped through Ellen's flowerbeds. She wouldn't even go and see her good friend Lorna, despite constant proddings. Lorna just wants to flaunt the fact she has two healthy girls, Ellen unfairly thought to herself.

Then on Thursday, as they were preparing for Family Home Evening . . . Each of the family was supposed to bring to the table something very special to them. Just as Ellen sat down, she saw Timmy entering the room. He was carrying the little white bonnet! Horrified, Ellen grabbed the bonnet from him, and there on the brim, was a great smudge of jam! Oh, it was just more than she could bear. She solidly smacked Timmy and rushed out of the room.

Five solemn "gentlemen" surrounded the family table that evening. Dad finally broke the silence. "We must have patience and great love for our Mummy," he said, with deep concern. "She has had a great loss, he went on, and we must all work extra hard to show her how important she is to us."

Two days passed rather quietly in the Adams home, each one seemed to be watching and waiting for the other.

Then one morning, a knock came on the door. "Why it's little Jennifer Carter, from down the street," smiled Ellen. "Come in dear," she said. "Thank you Mrs. Adams, I was wondering if you could plait my hair, as my Mother is so busy sewing this morning?" Rather reluctantly Ellen agreed. What lovely long hair this child has, thought Ellen as she wove the hair intricately into a french plait, like she had worn as a child. Just, as she was tying the crisp blue ribbon on the end of the plait, Jeremy entered with Amanda Nelson "Mummy, Amanda has torn the arm off her rag dool, and I told her you could fix it." "Will you?" he pleaded.

The morning seemed to go very fast, for as soon as she finished one job, there was one of the boys with another. She had never noticed the boys so content to play with the girls in the neighbourhood . . . usually that was sissy stuff . . . but maybe they were growing up.

For lunch, Ronnie had planned a tea party on the back lawn. My that is un-

usual thought Ellen, he usually avoids those like the plague. The boys had even cut crude little designs carefully out of bread for the fancy sandwiches. Then Ronnie and Timmy solemnly lined up Ellen and the girls down one side of the blanket, while they sat down the other.

In the afternoon the boys were there with more neighbourhood girls and more chores to do.. Janet and Monica Jeffers had come to see if Ellen would help them cut out some paper dolls.

Supper time was a bit late that evening, as Ellen had been kept so busy she hardly had time to prepare things.

After family prayer and good nights all around, Ellen went into the playroom to tidy up a bit before tomorrow. Goodness, she thought to herself, I really must get something of my own accomplished tomorrow. She did think how much faster and easier the day had gone for her, not so much time to think . . . probably the best since Rachel's death.

As she was emptying the rubbish bin, she noticed several crumpled pieces of paper with writing on. It looked like Timmy's writing. She carefully unfolded the note which read:

Dear Mrs. Jeffers,

Could you please spair Monica and Janet for a few hours some times? Then · our Mummy could have a girl. She likes girls alot more than boys, and we want her to be happy agin.

signed Ronnie, Jeremy
Timmy and Gary

. . .' She likes girls alot more than boys, and we want her to be happy again! Those lines glared at her. What a selfish thoughtless woman she had become. To have given her own precious sons the idea she didn't like boys.

She tiptoed softly into each bedroom, and even Gary's smudged face looked beautiful. Ellen ran downstairs and took the little bonnet and scrubbed it. until the old jam smudge disappeared. There will be other girls, she thought. If not, maybe I can save it for a granddaughter!

Then Ellen remembered a plaque her Mother used to have hanging in the kitchen when she was younger.

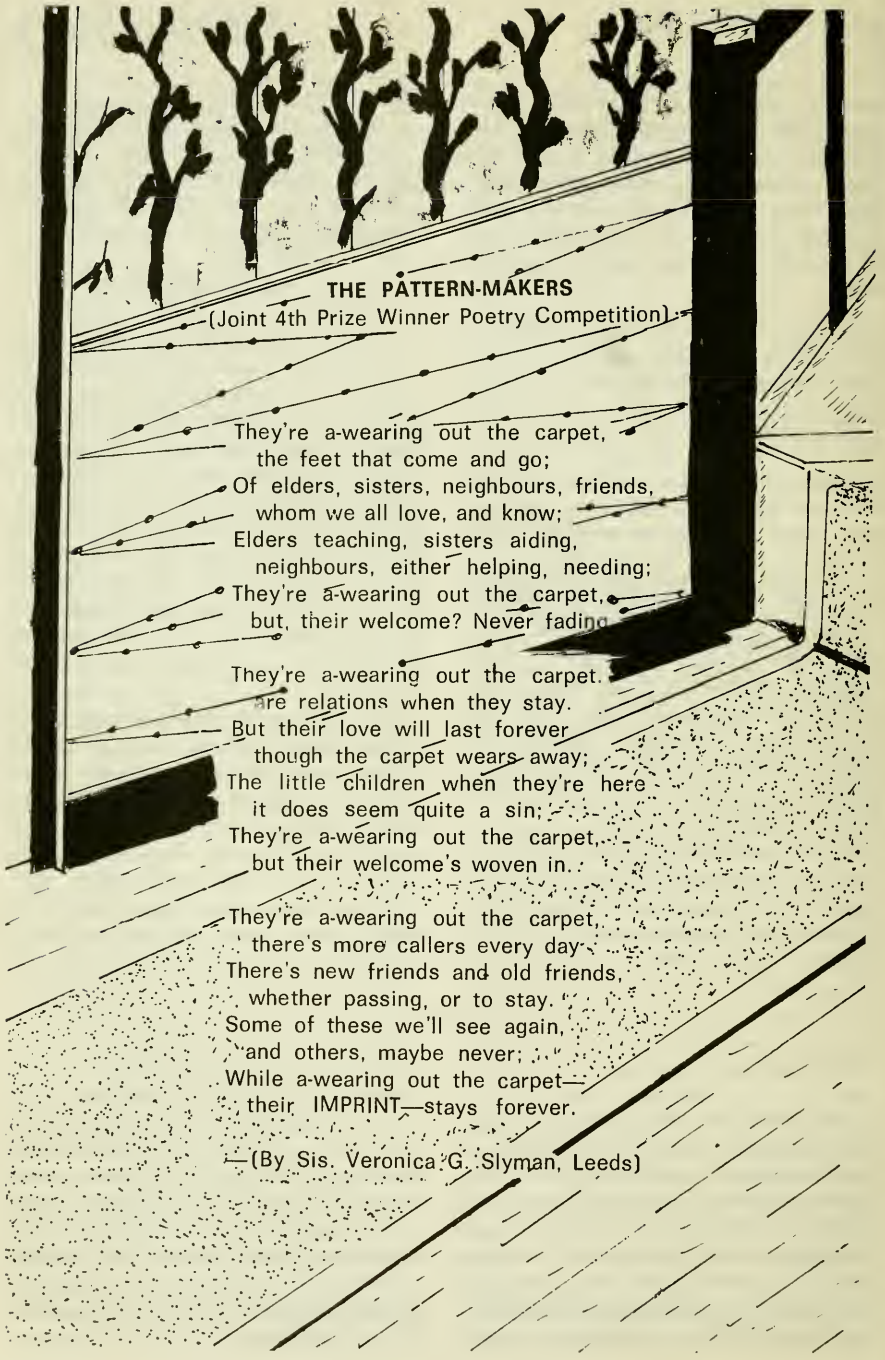
"Oh Lord, grant me the courage to change that which I can. The serenity to accept that which I cannot, and the wisdom to know the difference."

It had taken a crumpled piece of paper, and a great smudge of jam to show her the difference!

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a Testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Having gained a Testimony we must protect it and nourish it with learning obtained by attending our Priesthood meetings our Sunday School Meetings, and brushing the rust and dirt off by renewing our covenants with The Lord at our Sacrament Meetings. Finally burnishing our Testimonies with a visit to The Lord's House.

With these tools for our use, I feel if we could reach these goals, then other things would fall into their proper place, and rapid progression would result. As this new year goes on let us all endeavour to keep the tools of the Gospel clean and tidy with the one and only unifying factor, to love one another, and give with a good heart our best at all times.



THE PATTERN-MAKERS

(Joint 4th Prize Winner Poetry Competition)

They're a-wearing out the carpet,
the feet that come and go;
Of elders, sisters, neighbours, friends,
whom we all love, and know;
Elders teaching, sisters aiding,
neighbours, either helping, needing;
They're a-wearing out the carpet,
but, their welcome? Never fading.

They're a-wearing out the carpet.
Are relations when they stay.
But their love will last forever
though the carpet wears away;
The little children when they're here
it does seem quite a sin;
They're a-wearing out the carpet,
but their welcome's woven in.

They're a-wearing out the carpet,
there's more callers every day.
There's new friends and old friends,
whether passing, or to stay.
Some of these we'll see again,
and others, maybe never;
While a-wearing out the carpet—
their IMPRINT—stays forever.

—(By Sis. Veronica G. Slyman, Leeds)

President Brown

"This Is The Church Of Jesus Christ"

By President Hugh B. Brown
of the First Presidency

★ We worship God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ. It is He, the Saviour, who is the Head of the Church, its great High Priest, its Founder, and its Inspiration. All others, whether they be prophets, apostles, elders, members —all others are willingly subservient to Him. We agree with the Apostle Paul that " . . . there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12.)

Perhaps many would refer to the Church as the "Mormon" Church; while we do not object to that designation, it may be a bit misleading. Mormon was an ancient American prophet, whose name was given to a sacred record which he compiled; but though this may be called the Mormon Church, it is not the Church of Mormon, nor is it the Church of Joseph Smith nor of Brigham Young, nor of any other man. It is the Church of Jesus Christ.

Though the Western nations believe in God, or claim to, and in the freedom of men, and the worth of the individual, there are hundreds of millions of our fellow men who are being taught that God is a myth and religion but an opiate; who are being indoctrinated, while their minds and bodies are enslaved, to believe in the monstrous supremacy of the totalitarian state.

Many Live In Fear

While we are preaching Christ and Him crucified, there are millions on the earth who dare not mention His name except in derision and anathema. The battlefronts in this cold war are divided into sectors: social, economic, scientific, geographic, ideological; but the one front on which the enemy is concentrating, the one front which makes him gnash his teeth at its very name, is the front which may be called "God and religion." The war—cold or hot— will be waged by the followers of Christ versus anti-Christ.

That being true, it is incumbent upon all Christians eveywhere to re-examine our creeds, our fundamental concepts, our basic faith, and ask ourselves again the meaning of the word "God" in our theology, and the place of God in our lives. Our allegiance must be intelligent and well-defined.

Every man should answer for himself the question, "What think ye of Christ?" (Matt. 22:42.) I should like to bear my testimony of Him and indicate briefly His status in the minds and hearts of all Latter-day Saints as background and introductory, or, by way of contrast—for none other, however great, can be compared to Him— may

I call attention for a moment to what the tourist may see when he goes to Europe or the Middle East, as he visits the birthplaces and the resting places of the notable ones of the earth—the poets, authors, soldiers, and statesmen.

Impressive Sites

The tourist will probably be impressed by the ruins of ancient cities and the crumbling monuments and tombstones of many who are called great. Some of these ancients built and garnished their own sepulchres and gilded their tombs in order to display their wealth and to indicate their status. The visitor will be impressed by the Colosseum in Rome, the Acropolis in Athens, and admire the work of former masters in art, literature, philosophy, and government. He will be reminded of the pomp of the Pharaohs in Egypt as he visits the pyramids, and may ask: "Why such colossal expenditure of money and time and lives to build a tomb?" He will propably leave without an answer to his question and remember only the inscrutable smile of the Sphinx.

But if his tour leads him to the Holy Land, he will be inspired by the thought that though Rome had her Caesars, her master artists, and her geniuses; though Athens had her conquerors, her statesmen, and her philosophers; though Egypt had her pompous dictators and her unrelenting Pharaohs, it remained for little Bethlehem and later Nazareth and Galilee to give to this world its most transcendent personage.

In Jerusalem one has the privilege of standing before an open tomb—a tomb that was once closed by a great stone on which was placed the seal of Rome and over which a guard was mounted. But that stone was rolled away, that seal was broken, that guard was overcome, that tomb was opened by an angel of the Lord. That borrowed sepulchre was neither gilded nor decorated, and in it was found no earthly treasure, for its temporary tenant was destitute of worldly goods. In life He had no place to lay His head, and in death there was no place to lay His body—hence, the pity of a friend.

Lowly Tomb

But there came forth from that lowly tomb riches beyond all price. The lifeless body, which was placed there by loving hands three days previously, came forth from that tomb triumphant over death, a resurrected, glorified Personage, the first fruits of them that slept. And the rewards of that victory are to be shared among all men everywhere, for as Paul said, "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Cor. 15:21-22.)

And what was it that came from that open tomb? Was it merely a spirit? He Himself answered that question when He stood among His followers who were amazed and frightened at His appearance. He said to them, ". . . Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." (Luke 24: 38-39.)

Man Of Galilee

This Babe of Bethlehem, this Carpenter of Nazareth, this Man of Galilee, never wrote a book, and yet the story of what He said and did during the three short years of His ministry, which was faithfully, though only partially, recorded by His humble disciples, has been read and reread by more people in more languages than any other book.

He left no masterpiece on canvas, and yet His life and death have been the inspiration for more artists than



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any other subject. He left no monument in stone or bronze or marble, and yet the image of His divine manhood has been an inspiration to millions down through the centuries.

We testify of and worship not only one who lived and died two thousand years ago but also of one who was resurrected from the dead and is now living—one who is comprehensible, one who has a material, though an immortal body as He Himself declared when He said to His astonished followers: "Handle me and see." It was that same body which ascended into heaven out near Bethany when a cloud enveloped Him, and to the amazement and astonishment of his followers, He ascended into heaven. Two men in white standing by said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11.)

We Testify

Peter declared that the heaven must receive Him until the time of the ". . . restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Ibid., 3:21.)

Yes, we testify of the First Begotten of the Father in the spirit, the Only Begotten Son of God in the flesh, a member of the Holy Trinity, the Creator of the world. To prove He was the Creator we quote the words of John, the Apostle: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3.) That the Word referred to was none other than the Christ becomes evident when one reads the fourteenth verse: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (Ibid., 1:14.)

LATE NEWS

★ ABERDEEN BRANCH report two Temple visits an Open Night and a Sale of Work recently. The first temple visit was on Sept. 21st and was just for the branch, the second was on Nov. 9th when they joined with the rest of the district.

At the Open Night the missionaries showed the film "Man's Search for Happiness", and took investigators on a tour of the building. In the evening everyone was invited to a social where they enjoyed singing, fun and games.

The sale of work was organised by the Relief Society and they collected £35, which went to the branch budget.

Purposes Of This Dispensation Told By Elder Christiansen

by Elder El Ray L. Christiansen
Assistant to the Twelve

★ We live in the period of time spoken of by the prophets of the Bible, when all the keys of the priesthood, the powers, the gifts, and the authority are restored and now in the hands of the servants of the Lord in this day, all of which is preparatory to the ushering in of the millennial reign of the Saviour.

The Primary purposes of this dispensation are first, to gather Israel through the great missionary service of the Church and the proselyting effort of all of us, that through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they may seek and find salvation and exaltation with their families.

And secondly, the redemption and salvation of the dead through vicarious service.

Most Significant

Section two of the Doctrine and Covenants contains the words spoken by Moroni, the angel who appeared to Joseph Smith, the Prophet. While it is very brief, it is, nevertheless, one of the most significant and important of all revelations. Elder John A. Widtsoe one time had this to say about this section:

"The beginning and the end of the Gospel is written in section two of the Doctrine and Covenants. It is the keystone of the wonderful Gospel arch; and if that center stone should weaken and fall out, the whole Gospel structure would topple down in unorganized doctrinal blocks."

Let us see what is contained in this momentous revelation:

"Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

"And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers.

"If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming." (D&C 2.)

Lord's Promise

Thus in this revelation, Moroni reiterated the promise of the Lord made through Malachi, centuries before. (Mal. 3: 5-6)

About twelve and a half years after these pronouncements were given by Moroni, Elijah actually appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and committed into their hands the keys of the sealing power and said unto them, ". . . by this ye may know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors." (D&C 110:16.)

Along with the restoration of the keys and the powers of the priesthood to enable the living and the dead to gain salvation, there came an almost

overwhelming responsibility and obligation to the Latter-day Saints, to act as agents of the Lord in bringing about the programme of salvation and redemption to their fellow men.

Equal Opportunity

Where in all the world can you find a people whose faith teaches them to recognize the justice and mercy of God in granting to all men, living or dead, the same or at least an equal opportunity to receive salvation? Since God is just, His divine plan of salvation includes the means and the power by which those who have died without a knowledge of the Gospel may hear it, and if they will, receive it, and thereby gain the gift of eternal life.

In a public discourse, Pres. Wilford Woodruff once made this significant and consistent statement:

"Since God is no respecter of persons, He will not give privileges to one generation and withhold them from another. The whole human family, from Father Adam to our day, have got to have the same privileges somewhere, of hearing the Gospel of Christ. They have to be preached to in the spirit world. But nobody will baptize them there. Therefore, someone must administer to them by proxy here in the flesh, that they may be judged according to man in the flesh and have part in the first resurrection.



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And a few years later, this great leader said:

"We have to enter these temples and redeem our dead. This is the great work of the last dispensation, the redemption of the living and of the dead."

Twofold Obligation

Now the redemption of the dead carries a twofold obligation and mission, to which we have all been called by revelation of the Lord. In the journal of Pres. Woodruff he wrote this:

"I, Wilford Woodruff, received the following revelation from the Lord." Included in that revelation which was unanimously adopted by the Presidency and the Twelve of the Church and by the Church in conference assembled, is found this admonition:

"We want the Latter-day Saints from this time to trace their genealogies as far as they can and be sealed to their fathers and to their mothers and have their children sealed to their parents and run this chain through as far as you can get it. This is the will of the Lord to the people."

There can be no substitute for the Lord's plan in redeeming our dead relatives, and no amount of side-stepping our individual responsibility will excuse us for neglecting to do these two important things, namely, identifying the dead from the records available, and then seeing to it that they have received in the temples by proxy the necessary ordinances for their salvation.

"We Believe In Jesus, The Son Of God"

By Elder Bruce R. McConkie
of the First Council of Seventy

★ We invite all men everywhere to come unto Christ, to accept Him as the Son of God, to obey the laws He has revealed, thereby gaining peace in this life and eternal salvation in the life to come.

We believe in Christ. We testify of His divine Sonship. President David O. McKay has testified that "Christ the Son of Righteousness came with healing in His wings in the Meridian of Time," that "He is the true Light of of men's lives," and that as "the Prince of Peace" He "shall reign as King of kings and Lord of lords."

We believe as the Book of Mormon says, ". . . that there shall be no other name given nor any other way nor means whereby salvation can come unto the children of men, only in and through the name of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent." (Mosiah 3:17.)

We believe again in the language of the Book of Mormon, ". . . that salvation was, and is, and is to come, in and through the atoning blood of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent." (ibid., 3:18.)

We believe as John the Baptist said: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36.)

We believe in the language of Paul, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Rom. 10:9.)

Belief Basic

Belief in Christ is basic and fundamental to the Christian faith. He is the one sure foundation. By him all things are, and upon him all things rest. As Paul said: ". . . other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3:11.)

But we deplore and are saddened by the lack of unity among professing Christians, lack of unity as to His divine sonship, His atonement and mission and the Gospel plan which bears His name. One group of sincere and devout persons believes one thing and another group something else.

We look forward with hope, however, to an eventual day when honest men among all nations shall know who Christ is, what His laws are, and what they must do to be saved in His kingdom.

To aid these sincere seekers after spiritual certainty, may we testify to the world of those things which have been revealed to us concerning this greatest of all men—Jesus, our Lord and Master. May we begin by taking this statement of Paul about confessing Christ, believing in His resurrection, and consequently gaining salvation.

Paul's Message

Here is a man who says he has a message for "all that be in Rome." He announces: I am "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle." I bring you "the gospel of God," which gospel is that "Jesus Christ our Lord" was both "the seed of David according to the flesh," and also "the Son of God." (See Rom. 1:1-7.)

This man Paul, who speaks for God, then says: ". . . my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." (Ibid., 10:1.) He then reveals his fears that they may not gain salvation, for he says: ". . . they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Ibid., 10:2); that is, they had a system of religion and sought in their way to worship God, but their course was not based on a knowledge of the truth.

And so, to chart the course which they and all men must follow to gain salvation, Paul gave this glorious statement: ". . . if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Ibid., 10:9.)

Now, If we are to believe in Christ, we must know who He is and what it means to believe in Him. True worship presupposes that men know whom they worship and know how to worship.

Son of God

Is He, as the Mohammedans say, one of the prophets, but not the Son of God?

Is He, as some professors of religion assert, a great moral teacher, but not the Saviour and Redeemer?

Is He, as some of old claimed, the carpenter's son, but not the promised Messiah?

Is He, as some creeds recite, an incomprehensible, incorporeal, uncreated spirit which fills immensity, but not the literal offspring of that God in whose image man is created?

Or is He, as we testify, the Son of God, the Firstborn in pre-existence, the Only Begotten in the flesh, the Creator and promised Messiah, the Redeemer and Saviour who has manifested Himself in our day, and who will soon return in glory to reign on earth a thousand years?

How shall we know who or what Christ actually is?

Paul Answers

Paul answers this to the Romans by first saying: ". . . whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Ibid., 10:13) and by then asking four questions which grow out of this plea for men to approach their God:

First: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" (Ibid. 10:14.) Believe in God, that holy Being in whose image man is created.

Second: ". . . how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Idem.) The knowledge of God must be revealed, the gospel taught.

Third: ". . . how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Idem.) Preachers, Apostles, prophets, teachers, representatives of the Lord must do the teaching.

Fourth: ". . . how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Ibid., 10:15.) Only those can preach and teach who

are actually called of God and sent forth by Him.

Walk By Faith

In other words, if we "call upon the name of the Lord," if we confess the Lord Jesus with the mouth, if we believe in our hearts "that God hath raised Him from the dead," it is because we first believe and accept the testimony of the Apostle or prophet who is sent of God to give us the knowledge of salvation. It is not the Lord's programme to appear personally to every man and tell him what to believe and how to act to be saved. In this, our second estate, we are to walk by faith, not by sight.

But it is the Lord's programme to send legal administrators endowed with power from on high, to send prophets and Apostles to teach His truths and perform the ordinances of salvation.

Paul was one of these. Since he was sent to the Romans, that nation was required to accept him as an Apostle in order to accept Christ as the Saviour. If they believed in Christ and accepted Him as the Son of God, they of necessity had to believe that Paul was an Apostle, for he was the preacher sent to them to reveal the truth about Christ and the Gospel.

Thus, Christ and His prophets go together. They cannot be separated. It is utterly and completely impossible to believe in Christ without also believing in and accepting the divine commission of the prophets sent to reveal Him and to carry His saving truths to the world.

Believe In Prophets Too

No one today would say: "I will believe in Christ, but will not believe in Peter, James, and John and their testimony of Him." In the very nature of things belief in Christ is more than accepting Him as a single person standing alone, as one person independent of any other. Belief in Christ presupposes and includes within it the acceptance of the prophets who reveal Him to the world.



Elder McConkie

Jesus said: "He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me. . . ." (John 13:20.) Also: "He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; . . . " (Luke 10:16.)

To believe in Christ we must not only accept the prophets who reveal Him, but we must also believe the scriptural acounts recorded by those prophets. Jesus said to a Book of Mormon prophet: ". . . he that will not believe my words will not believe that I exist and am the Son of God."

Nephi, another Book of Mormon prophet, invited all men to "believe in Christ. . . . And if ye shall believe in Christ," he said, "ye will believe in these words (that is, in the Book of Mormon account), for they are the words of Christ, and he hath given them unto me; . . ." (2 Nephi 33:10.)

Elder Dunn

The Worlds Greatest Need Is For Religion

By Elder Paul H. Dunn
of the First Council of Seventy

★ Today more than ever before our youth need religion. Some years ago our beloved Prophet David O. McKay in an editorial gave a number of reasons for giving proper religious training to our youth. I'd like to refer to three of his points:

First, he said, "Youth need religion to maintain a proper equilibrium during the formative period of their lives." (Treasures of Life, p. 493.) Young people tend to be impetuous and sometimes, in trying to formulate their conclusions, have a tendency to look upon parents as old-fashioned, but they give confidence to others who seem to be leading them into realms and higher planes. Now when, under these conditions, the young person receives something which seems to conflict with his previous notions of religion and right, he is likely to be swayed beyond his proper equilibrium. Youth today are thinking more than ever before, and they need to have a daily influence which will keep them in proper balance.

Second, President McKay said, "Youth should have religion in order to stabilize our society." (Ibid., p. 495.) It was Goethe who observed that "The destiny of any nation at any given times depends on the opinion of its young men under five and twenty." (Cited idem.) Speaking of the need of stability in our society makes me remember, thinking as a soldier during World WarII what a tragedy that so much destruction, pain, and suffering had to exist in a world that had achieved such brilliance in so many fields, for instance, the sciences.

Key To Progress

I can't help recalling the magnificent M-1 rifle that was placed into my hands when I was an infantryman and how grateful I was for the protection it gave me. The brilliance that went into creating this weapon of war is outstanding,and yet its utilization was a sad commentary on life, for many times I was required in the defence of this country to pull the trigger to take the life of a fellow human being because of this very thing that our beloved prophet has indicated to us in his editorial.

Robert A. Millikan, himself a renowned scientist, has said this about his own field: "Science without religion obviously may become a curse rather than a blessing to mankind. But science dominated by the spirit of religion is the key to progress and the hope of the future." (Cited idem.) This suggests that scientific leaders of the future, as well as leaders in all fields, will need spiritual understanding and training.

Third, youth need religion to satisfy the innate longing of the soul. "Man,"



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President McKay has said, "is a spiritual being, and sometime or other every man is possessed with a longing, an irresistible desire to know his relationship to the infinite. He realizes that he is not just a physical object that is to be tossed for just a short time from bank to bank, only to be submerged finally in the ever-flowing stream of life. There is something within him which urges him to rise above himself, to control his environment, to master the body and all things physical and live in a higher and more beautiful world."

Three Needs

He goes on to give three great needs associated with the spiritual urge which have been felt through the centuries:

"1. Every normal person yearns to to know something of God. What is he like? Is he interested in the human family or does he disregard it entirely?

2. What is the best life to live in this world in order to be most successful and to get the most happiness?

3. What is that inevitable thing called death? What is beyond it? If you want your answer to these longings of the human soul, you must come to the Church and come often to get it." (Ibid., pp. 495-496.)

Youth need religion. The world needs it—in fact, it is the world's greatest need. It is my humble prayer that you young people everywhere, along with your parents, will see the need for constant, daily exposure to religious education and that you will support it with interest and enthusiasm. By keeping your energies and values properly focused, you, as well as we, can in reality inherit eternal life.

New Feature

Let's Talk About Your Health

By Lindsay R. Curtis, M.D.

(Editor's note: Dr. Lindsay R. Curtis, M.D. has written for several publications in recent years with a view of keeping the public informed as to the effects alcohol and tobacco play upon the human body. He has given his consent for The Millennial Star to reprint some of these vitally important articles that members of The Church in Great Britain may be aware of the harmful effects as a result of using these drugs. Pertinent articles will appear in subsequent editions.)
(In this month's article he talks about alcohol and asks:)

How dangerous is it to drink alcohol that is labeled "for external use only"?

This is methyl alcohol, or commonly called wood alcohol. It is used in rubbing alcohol and tonics. It is extremely dangerous to drink! Small amounts may cause blindness while larger amounts may cause death.

How soon after drinking does one feel the effects of liquor?'

It usually takes one or two hours for alcohol to be completely absorbed into the blood stream, but its effects will be felt long before this time. If a sample of blood is tested one or two hours after drinking it should tell the amount of alcohol in the blood.

In general how much alcohol does it take to make a social drinker "drunk"?

With most people, judgment begins to be impaired within an hour after one or two beers or cocktails. About 20 per cent of "social drinkers" on occasions will become drunk.

What about people who say: "I am used to liquor," or "I can hold my liquor!" or, "I drink, but I never get drunk."

Ninety-five per cent of even heavy drinkers suffer impairment of judgment when the blood level reached .15 per cent. Most others would be conspicuously drunk at this level. Some might even pass out! Most people pass out when the blood alcohol level reached .30 per cent. Tolerance for liquor may vary, but no one is immune to intoxication . . . If he consumes enough alcohol.

Is alcohol a stimulant?

Because it deadens certain functions, such as judgment, self-criticism and self-control, some have thought it is a stimulant. But actually alcohol is a depressant.

Does alcohol make a person warmer?

No. It causes the face to flush and the skin to feel "warm". The sensation is one of warmth, but the body actually loses heat. In severe weather conditions, alcohol would increase the chances of dying from the cold.

Does alcohol make a person braver?

No. A person may become more active and excited, but he actually has poorer judgment. He may feel braver but he accomplishes less. In early days men were given "rum" or "grog" to make them better soldiers. They became braver all right after the rum. But eventually the leaders came to realize that these men lacked judgment, took foolish risks and actually were poorer soldiers than if they were sober. It requires skill and judgment along with bravery in order to be an effective soldier.

★ The Book of Mormon was written on thin gold plates, hidden in the ground until they were delivered to the Prophet Joseph Smith. Here are testimonies of four individuals who came to know that this book was divinely sent and that the translation was inspired of God.

Testimonies Of Four Witnesses



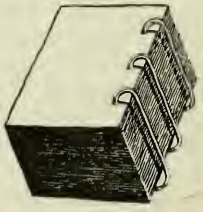
Emma, wife of the Prophet Joseph Smith:

"My belief is that the Book of Mormon is of divine authenticity—I have not the slighest doubt of it. I am satisified that no man could have dictated the writing of the manuscripts unless he was inspired; for, when acting as his scribe, your father (Joseph) would dictate to me hour after hour; and when returning after meals, or after interruptions, he would at once begin where he had left off, without either seeing the manuscript or having any portion of it read to him. This was a usual thing for him to do. It would have been improbable that a learned man could do this; and, for one so . . . unlearned as he was, it was simply impossible. . . ." (Joseph Smith III, "Last Testimony of Sister Emma," Saints' Advocate, Vol. 2 (October 1879), page 52.)



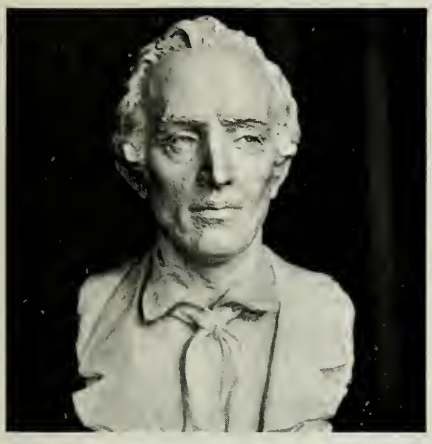
Martin Harris:

"I know the Book of Mormon is true . . . I know that the plates have been translated by the gift and power of God, for His voice declared It unto us; therefore I know of a surety that the work is true. For did I not at one time hold the plates on my knee an hour-and-a-half, whilst in conversation with Joseph . . . ? Yes, I did. And as many of the plates as Joseph Smith translated I handled with my hands, plate after plate." (Millennial Star, Vol. 21, Page 545.)



(These life-size busts of these four witnesses are on display in Hyde Park Chapel, London, where visitors may also hear a recorded message including these testimonies. At Hyde Park they are part of a large display of colour paintings depicting various phases of the restoration of the Gospel in this dispensation.)

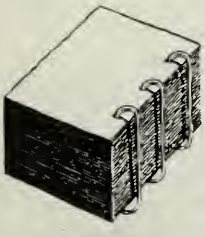
Of The Book Of Mormon





Oliver Cowdery:

"I wrote, with my own pen, the entire Book of Mormon (save a few pages) as it fell from the lips of the Prophet Joseph Smith, as he translated it by the gift and power of God . . . It contains the everlasting Gospel, and came forth to the children of men in fulfillment of the revelations." (Millennial Star, Vol. 21, Page 544.)



David Whitmer:

"It was in the latter part of June, 1829, Joseph, Oliver Cowdery and myself were together, and the angel showed them to us . . . They were shown to us in this way: Joseph and Oliver and I were sitting on a log when we were overshadowed by a light more glorious than that of the sun. In the midst of this light . . . appeared a table upon which were many golden plates . . . I saw them . . . and distinctly heard the voice of the Lord declaring that the records of the plates of the Book of Mormon were translated by the gift and power of God." (Millennial Star, Vol. 43. Page 437.)

RECIPES FOR YOU



★ Betty Nibley came to England from Westchester County, New York in the early summer. She is the wife of Preston P. Nibley and they have three lovely daughters. Bonnie and Susan are students at the "Y". Carolyn attends school in London. Brother Nibley is on the High Council of London Stake. Sister Nibley is a gracious hostess who serves delicious refreshments to all her guests.

JEANNINE'S CAKE

My neighbour in London gave me this recipe, hence the title. It is moist, keeps well and is so easy to make.

1 lemon cake mix (Betty Crocker)

¾ cup cooking oil (Mazola or Wesson Oil)

½ cup sugar

1 cup apricot nectar

4 eggs

Beat mix, sugar and apricot nectar. Add oil and one egg at a time. Bake in ungreased tube pan one hour at 325°. This cake is also good made with a spice cake mix. Jeannine also uses apple juice when apricot nectar is not available.

CHICKEN DIVAN

This is an easy method, quick and tasty.

2-10 ounce packages of frozen broccoli

3 or 4 chicken breasts (cooked and boned)

2 tins condensed cream of chicken soup

1 cup mayonnaise

1 tsp. lemon juice

½ cup shredded cheese

½ cup softened bread crumbs

1 tbs. margarine or butter, melted

Cook broccoli in boiling water until tender. Drain. Arrange broccoli stalks in greased baking dish (11″ x 7″). Lay chicken pieces on top of broccoli. Combine soup, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Pour over chicken. Sprinkle with cheese. Combine crumbs and butter and sprinkle over all. Bake at 350° for thirty minutes.

Note: ½ teaspoon of curry powder can also be added to the sauce. Since our family don't like curry, I use only the lemon juice but increase the amount to 2-3 teaspoons as it seems to add flavour.

RECIPES FOR YOU



BEEF STROGANOFF

- ½ cup finely chopped onion
- ½ pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1½ pounds beef (cut in 1/4" x 1/4" x 2" strips)
- 2 tbs flour
- 1 cup bouillon (dissolved one bouillon cube in one cup of boiling water.)
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 tbs. tomato paste
- ¾ tesp. Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ cup sour cream
- ½ cup heavy cream

Melt small amount cooking oil or 2 tbs butter in pan. Add onions, saute until golden brown, remove and set aside. Add more oil or butter and saute mushrooms until lightly browned, remove and set aside. Add a small amount of oil or butter. Roll beef in flour and saute until brown. Add bouillon, salt and the onions. Cover and simmer gently until beef is tender. (About 1½ hours) Add tomato paste, Worcester sauce, sour cream, heavy cream and mushrooms. Heat thoroughly on low heat and serve at once. Can be served on rice or noodles.

Note: I use cooking oil as butter burns more easily.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

★ In damp weather add a few grains of rice to salt in shakers to keep the salt pouring freely.

To keep a bowl steady when whipping ingredients, place the bowl on a wet, folded cloth.

To keep parsley fresh, wash it and place in a closed jar in the refrigerator.



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★ Soon we shall be sorting out the fur lined boots, in readiness for the winter weather.

Here is a pattern for a pair of slippers to pop on when you go visiting.

Use two strands of double knitting wool together and No: 9 or 10 knitting pins.

Cast on 32 stitches. Row 1. K.10 P.1. K.10. P.1. K.10. Row 2. K.

Repeat these two rows until work measures slightly less than the length of your foot, thus allowing for stretching of knitting.

Cast off.

Join each end. Make pompon of contrasting wool for decorating top of toe.

Now make another slipper to match.

For effect, change colour of wool for toe end of slipper.

More substantial slippers can be made by using thicker wool and correspondingly larger needles.

To adapt pattern for children's bedroom slippers, use fewer stitches.

A Latter-Day Saint In A Church Of England College

By B. D. R. Whittaker

★ One among 1,200 is the ratio of Latter-day Saints to non-members within my college. In September of this year I found myself entering a Church of England College of Education and due to study Religious Education. How did this happen?

At the time of my application in 1967 I had never heard of "The Mormon Church." As I looked around me in different schools, I saw that there was a dearth of convinced teachers of religion. Being an active Christian, I had regarded my teaching Christianity not only a necessity, but also as a moral obligation. With these thoughts in mind, I selected this college because of its Christian atmosphere and opted to study Religious Education.

In May, 1968 I took the first step towards eternal life and was baptised. I knew that six months later I should have to leave my home Ward and enter the college. My fears were increased when I read my textbook on religion which was so distant from the truth. I decided to change my course. As the awful day approached, I was lacking in courage.

No changing Course

The first catastrophe happened soon after my arrival. The deputy-principal informed me that my change of course could not take effect until my second year. In the first year, I should have to study something else. I maintained my choice of Religious Education.

I had under estimated the power of the Lord and my priesthood. During the first week, I bore my testimony to more people than in six months previous. Discussions about the Church and it's doctrine have carried on until the early hours of the morning. One student has asked to read the Book of Mormon. Another has come to a Sacrament meeting with me. These contacts also tell others of this "Mormon" and gradually the opportunities for witness and discussion are increasing. These activities are not confined to the students. I have testified about and discussed the Church with a tutor and the college Chaplain.

Many Opportunities

There are also opportunities for testifying in my Religious Education seminars. All students know that I am a Latter-day Saint. On points of discussion the tutor will ask me for my Church's standing. Imagine the wonderful opportunity for speaking about the Gospel. The head of the Religious Department asked all of us to write an essay on our present beliefs. He has yet to read this witness of "Mormonism" about which he knows nothing.

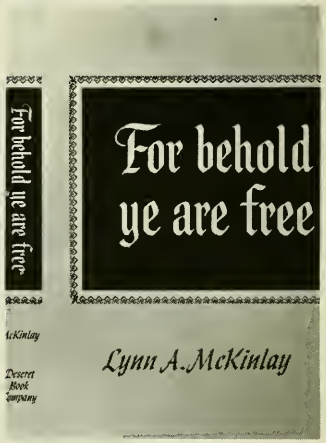
I am sure that the Lord has kept me here for a purpose. Perhaps no one will be baptised during my years here, but many will have heard the truth and seen a living testimony of it. This may be of benefit to them when a missionary knocks on their door and hopefully, they may then receive the Gospel.

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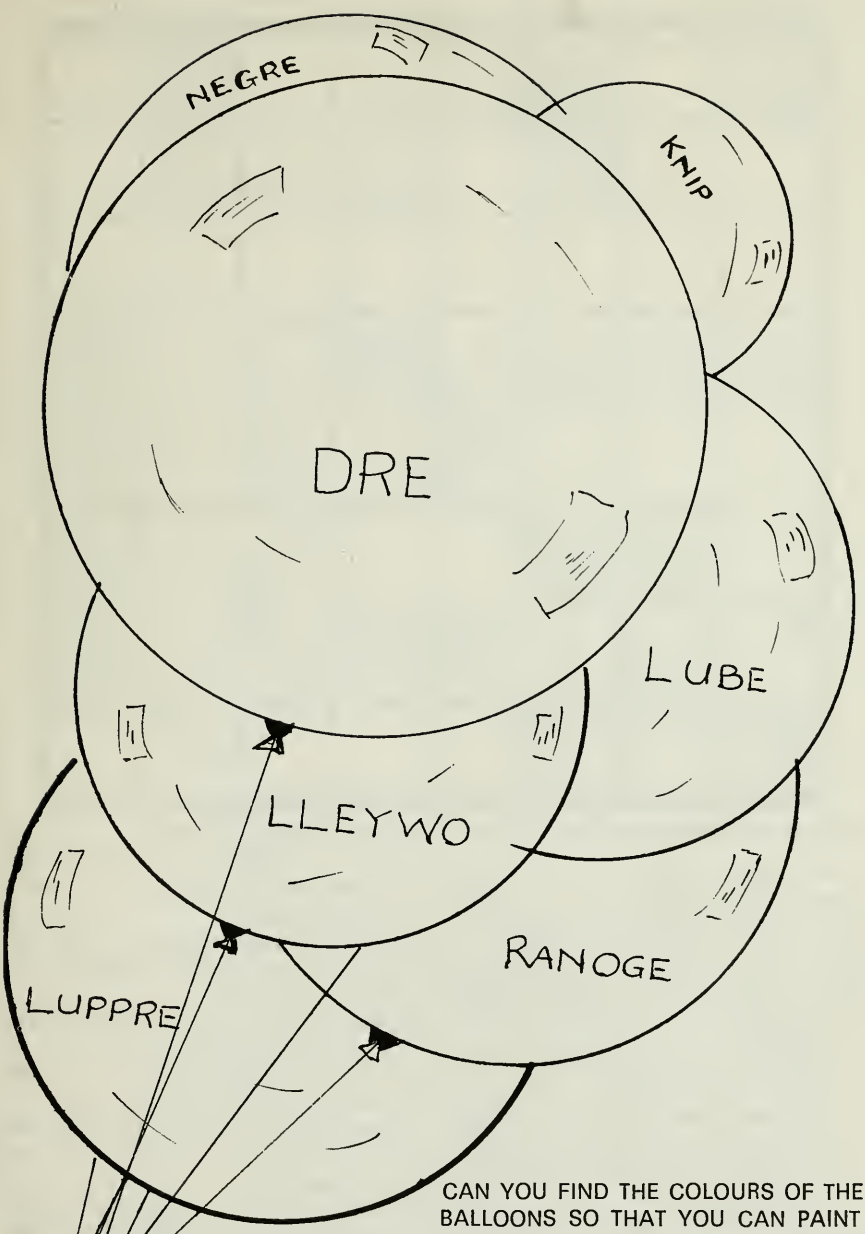


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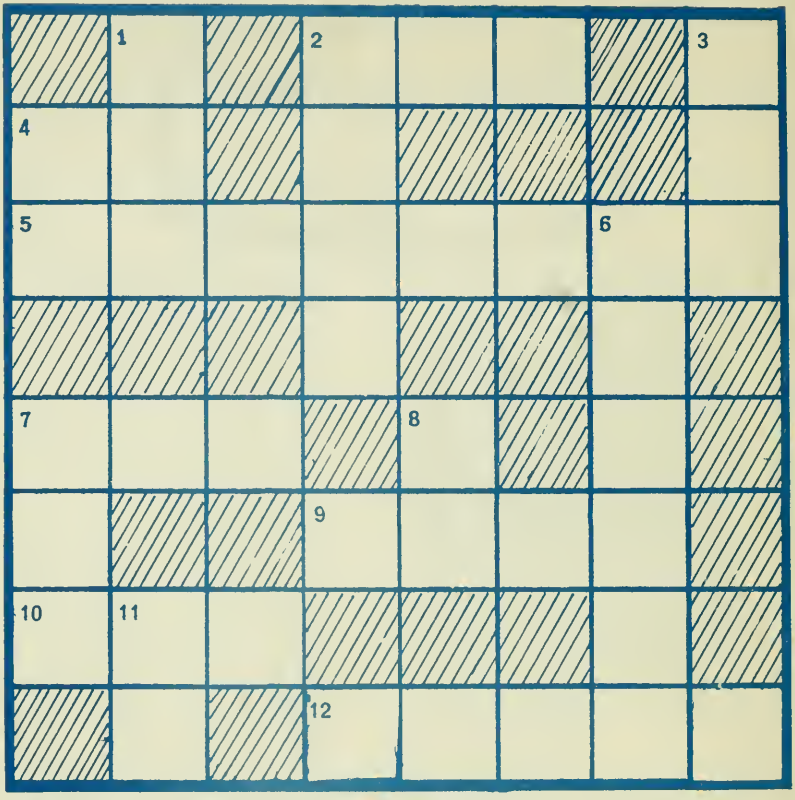
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CAN YOU FIND THE COLOURS OF THE BALLOONS SO THAT YOU CAN PAINT THEM?

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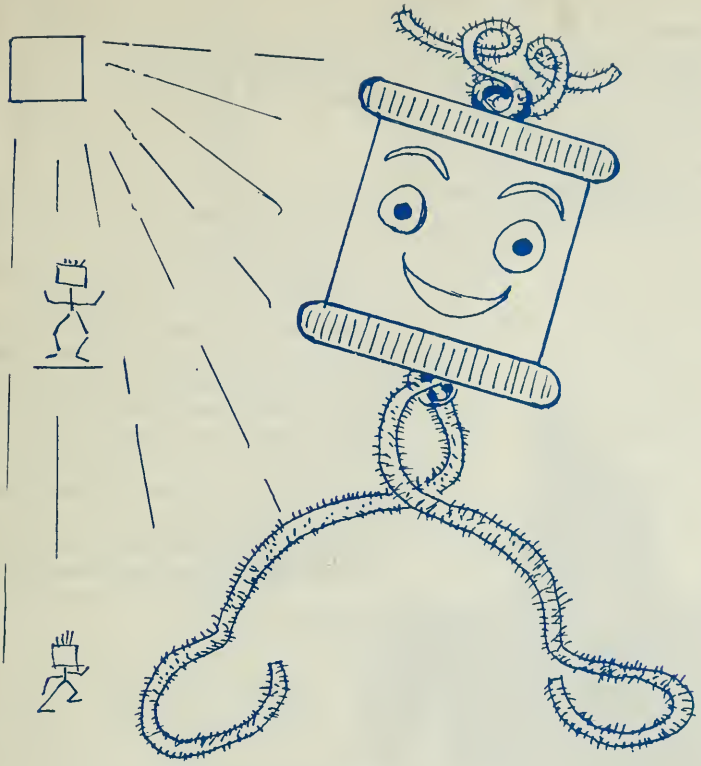
Clues Across

2. The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man travelling into a — country.
4. Jesus often spoke — parables.
5. He called his — , and gave one five talents, one two, and the third, one talent.
7. The third dug a hole, and — his money in the ground.
9. The master later returned and asked each what he had —
10. The second — who had two talents, had made two more.
12. The third one dug his talent out of the —

Clues Down

1. The master was angry with him, because he had not worked to make his — talent into two.
2. He was pleased with the first, because he had made his — talents into ten.
3. He was also pleased with the second, for he had made — two talents into four.
4. This parable — in the same chapter as the Ten Virgins.
6. If we have only one — , we must work hard to develop it.
7. The Master said: "Take the one talent from — , and give it to him that hath ten."
8. He said — the other two: "Well done, thou good and faithful servants."
11. Try — hard as you can to develop your gifts.

Answers on Page—



DANCING DOLL

★ To make the dancing doll, you need:

1 empty cotton reel
2 pipe cleaners
Small pieces of felt or coloured paper.
Length of shirring elastic.

Push the pipe cleaners through the hole in the cotton reel and twist round each other once at the top. Twist them again at the other end of the reel and bend to form legs as shown in the picture. Glue eyes and mouth of paper or felt. Make the boots of the same material and sew them in place. Attach elastic above the head.

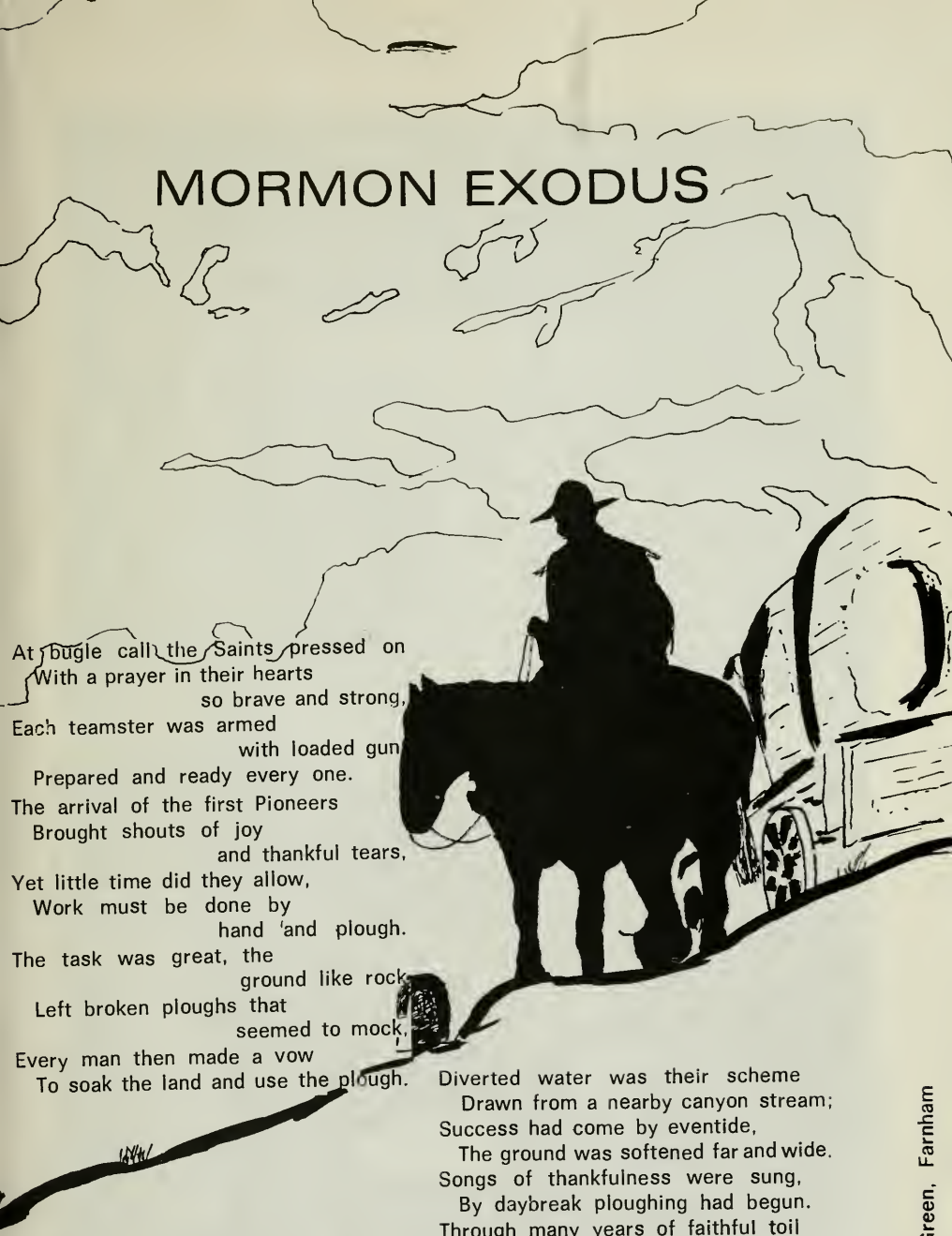
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They blazed the Rocky Mountain trail
Through biting wind and freezing hail,
Frugal was their food supply
As suffering Saints laid down to die.
Missisippi's frozen face
Offered little hiding place,
Yet onward moved this gallant band,
Heading for the promised land.
By Missouri's river bank,
Winter Quarters dark and dank
Served as temporary dwelling place
From storms and hazards they must face.

Help for comrades soon was planned,
For spring must come
throughout the land.
Preparing gardens was their aim,
Supplies for following Saints to claim.
Babes were born on hardship's trail,
Such courage shown will long prevail
Those mothers came from choice Nauvoo
They braved the storms
and rallied through.
Inspired by their leader Brigham Young
Hymns of praise oft-times were sung,
Clothed with the precious word of God.
The westward trek they bravely trod.



MORMON EXODUS



At bugle call the Saints pressed on
With a prayer in their hearts
so brave and strong,
Each teamster was armed
with loaded gun
Prepared and ready every one.
The arrival of the first Pioneers
Brought shouts of joy
and thankful tears,
Yet little time did they allow,
Work must be done by
hand and plough.
The task was great, the
ground like rock
Left broken ploughs that
seemed to mock,
Every man then made a vow
To soak the land and use the plough.

Diverted water was their scheme
Drawn from a nearby canyon stream;
Success had come by eventide,
The ground was softened far and wide.
Songs of thankfulness were sung,
By daybreak ploughing had begun.
Through many years of faithful toil
The land produced a fruitful soil,
This valley oft-times filled with care
Became a city large and fair.
And so today let none forget
Those valiant Saints, whose
toil and sweat
Paved the way, that we might stand
United, in this Promised Land.

—by Margory E. Green, Farnham

MIA's "Make Mine Happy" A Crowd Pleaser

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ From the first ring of the office telephones, to the last strains of the theme song, "Make Mine Happy", produced by the Branch M.I.A.s of the KILMARNOCK District, was a delightful adventure in cooperation and participation. With travel problems permitting only one general rehearsals, they met in Kilmarnock on Oct. 19th and rollicked through the inspiring Parent and Youth production with an impressive display of acting and singing ability. Thirty-four participants, ranging in age from three years to fifty, presented the interesting study in communication problems which exist in ordinary family life, and all enjoyed the experience.

The scenery, which was changed by ruffled-capped cleaning women on tip-toe, was painted by Greenock Branch M.I.A. members on humble newsprint tacked to a rough lumber frame to keep the cost of production low. Nevertheless, it was a masterpiece of art, which was carefully transported to Kilmarnock in and on the roof of the Branch President's Morris 1100.

Young love, portrayed by Margo Wilson and James Smith of Dumbries, with



Brother and Sister Rydalch with members of thc cast.



A scene from Kilmarnock District's presentation of "Make Mine Happy."

the aid of dancers Eileen Blair and Stuart Dorrian of Greenock, warmed the hearts of the audience. A family debate on the questionable value of modern dancing, with demonstrations, was given by Marie Coyle and the Duncan Hotchkiss family of Greenock, little 3-year-old Graham being the best example of its virtues.

Kilmarnock M.I.A. presented the scene demonstrating the chaos resulting from lack of family cooperation with Hugh Laird and Mary Cosgrove as father and mother, and Margaret Kerr, Ann Clark, Nancy Clark, Mavis Fraser, William McRoberts and John Burns as children. District Pres. Ronald Lovell and Stuart Dorrian of Greenock, cooperated with Norma Campbell and Lindsay Gray of Stevenston Branch, to polish off the scene designed to remind parents that children must be free to develop their own talents and personalities.

The office staff of Smith, Young and Tattersall, whose apprentice was responsible for the television series which the scenes represented, included Margaret McCann, Dawn Stewart and Eileen Blair as secretaries, Marie Coyle, switchboard operator, James McCann



The cleaning woman.

as the apprentice and James Low as Mr. Tatterstall. They were all from Greenock, as were the cleaning women, Maxine Simmons, Anne Price, Rae Oribine, Jane Currie and Joan Currie.

Marva D. Rydalch, the District M.I.A. president was at the piano, with Elizabeth Robertson of Greenock assisting. Nyal Rydalch, District M.I.A. superintendent and Edward Simmons, Greenoch superintendent were back stage. The production ended with the entire cast singing "Make Mine Happy—each day, each year, eternally". At curtain call, the audience of about sixty people, including Scottish Mission Pres. and Sister Egbert J. Brown, and Mission M.I.A. Pres. Mary Kennedy and her husband, joined in to sing an encore of the inspirational theme song.

★ Forty-six sisters from the Kilmarnock District met together recently for their first Relief Society Convention. The afternoon started with a three course meal which created a very pleasant atmosphere. The opening exercises consisted of talks and two musical items and then the sisters separated into the various lesson departments where instruction was given. To mark the occasion one sister had baked and decorated a cake with motifs depicting the different Relief Society lessons. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and are already looking forward to next year's convention.

★ Young Lads and Lassies of KILMARNOCK Branch M.I.A. gave a concert followed by a dance on Nov. 16th. Most of the participants were Vanguards and Beehives, and they gave a most enjoyable show with much talent. During the dance some goods were auctioned, and the proceeds of the evening amounted to £6. This is to be used for supplying football and netball kits for the M.I.A. The evening was organised under the supervision of William McRoberts and Mavis Fraser, M.I.A. counselors.



Scene from "The Curious Savage". L to R, John Cook, Tom Leah, Janet Bickerton, John Whitley, W. Standing, G. Lee, J. Sayers, Carol Baynes, P. Nokes, S. Whitley.

★ Members from the HAMILTON District and the KILMARNOCK District travelled overnight to the Temple on Nov. 8th. Owing to unavoidable delays they did not reach the Temple until 11.15 a.m. on the Saturday morning. The Temple staff readily agreed to put on an extra session in place of the one they missed. After the three sessions were completed and accommodation allocated to them at Edenbrook, a very fine testimony meeting was held. Sunday morning they held priesthood meeting, Sunday School and a Fireside. This rounded off a very enjoyable weekend.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ On 31st Oct., at the Ashton/OLDHAM Chapel the L.D.S. players presented "The Curious Savage". Produced by Sister P. Noakes, it was greatly enjoyed by players and audience alike.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ On Oct. 19th the CARLISLE Branch Sunday School held a Talent Contest under the direction of Sister Ramsbottom ably assisted by Yvonne Giernaert and Olive Rankine. Brother James acted as compere, while Sister James and Sister Britten were in charge of refreshments. All the children did well and showed remarkable talent in their display. During the interval there was brisk business at the home-made cakes and Christmas stalls. After the contest hot dogs and hot soup were on sale. The proceeds were used to pay the last instalment on the Junior room carpet, and there was enough left over to purchase a small clock also.

★ EAST HULL BRANCH report a change in the branch presidency due to the ill health of Pres. Stone. Ian Taylor, who formerly served as a building missionary on the Chapel some years ago, is now the new branch president.

The branch has also said a temporary farewell to Patricia Marton, who is continuing her studies at Manchester Teacher Training College.

★ BEVERLEY Branch M.I.A. celebrated Guy Fawkes night with a firework display in the chapel grounds after classes. Refreshments of baked potatoes, chestnuts, parkin, rock buns, and cocoa, quickly disappeared. On the 9th the branch volleyball team played the Beverley Youth Centre and won the three matches. Capt. David Fenwick then invited them to a return match in the Cultural hall.

★ Brother and Sister Prudames of the YORK Branch held a 21st birthday party for their daughter Patricia at the York Chapel on Nov. 9th. Many Saints from all over the Hull District attended, and danced to the music of Ian Swaney and his accordion, and Pres. Olwyn Poole of York Branch who played the drums. A wonderful buffet was provided and during the evening Patricia also announced her engagement to Brother Duddy of Sunderland Stake, who is shortly going on a full time mission.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ EASTWOOD WARD Relief Society Bazaar was opened by Sister Edna Dent, wife of the ward's building Supervisor, and a bouquet of flowers was presented to her by Valerie Hill, the bishop's little daughter. The stalls of knitted, sewn and fancy goods did well, but the home-made stall proved to be the most popular. The afternoon provided £30 to be donated to the building fund.

★ "Find a Member week", which is being organised through the Stake, in conjunction with the Central British Mission, was held in South Birmingham Ward in October. It was a week of dry autumn days and evenings ideal for the strenuous work of outdoor proselyting. In the afternoons the sisters helped to man the street boards, set up at stratigic points in the shopping areas of the ward, and in the evenings the members, accompanied by full time missionaries, went tracting. This was a very rewarding venture as it brought home to the members some of the difficulties faced by the missionaries in their day to day work, and it also gave them an experience of the joy that such work can bring. The week culminated in a social held at the Central British Mission Home. A coach was hired to take members, friends and investigators over to Sutton Coldfield where local talent and the Mission-aires provided entertainment before the film "Mans Search for Happiness" was shown.

Many new contacts were made, and the members and missionaries found that they had grown very much closer together in this week of hard work in the ward.

★ A bale of straw and a cart wheel was the centre point of the Relief Society "Western Bazaar" at Walsall on Nov. 2nd. The western flavour was carried on with the sisters and brethren serving in pioneer and other western dress at the gaily decorated stalls. The long dresses and bonnets bringing a hint of another age into the crowded hall.

The bazaar was opened by Sister Isabel Cannon from the Central British Mission. There was a wide variety of stalls, and for the children, of all ages, an Aunt Sally held great attraction. Stanley Woods being the brave target who risked a wetting. Programmes sold before hand encouraged many non-member friends to attend, this also helped to swell the funds. The price of these programmes could be redeemed by using them as a shilling voucher for anything bought.

In the evening there was a hilarious entertainment, with talent from both Walsall and Woodsetton. A puppet show from the Primary and the road show from the M.I.A. brought rousing applause, and comedy from Brother and Sister Woods, Brother Lewis and Dennis Degville much laughter. A recitation from Brother Lander of Woodsetton, and songs from the girls choir gave more variety, and an action song from the whole Woods family delighted everyone. The Mission-aires were the star guests of the evening and the programme was compered with great hilarity by Charles Perry, in a costume which was designed to set the audience in a mood for laughter. Over £100 was taken in the afternoon and evening, the profit from this will be a welcome addition to the branch building fund.

★ You've never seen anything like the transformation of the Nottingham Ward classrooms on Halloween night! Each room presented a different horror such as Dracula, Pharaoh's tomb, and a headless woman. There were lots of flashing lights, cold drips from above, and weird noises from hidden tape recorders. Small groups were taken on a grand tour and literally nearly frightened to death. Afterwards they were revived with refreshment of baked potatoes, hot dogs and some green unknown brew. We understand that "fresh blood was available at 6d. a glass but not one requested it. When everyone was fully recovered they spent the rest of the evening dancing.



Sister Isabel Cannon opens Walsall Bazaar in Leicester Stake.



Members of Walsall Branch at their Western Bazaar.

★BIRMINGHAM Ward M.I.A. were invited over to the SOUTH BIRMINGHAM WARD Building site for a bonfire celebration; everyone took their own fireworks, and the evening certainly went with a bang. Hot soup, stew, hotdogs, potatoes and orange juice were on sale to keep out the cold night air.

★ Another Can Night Social was held at WALSALL recently, with songs, games and refreshments. A tug of war between President Degvilles' team and the children's team started off the evening, the children's team won. The brethren ended the evening with their rendering of a farewell song of their own composition to the tune of "Merrily we roll along".

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ On Oct. 30th a Halloween Party was held at KIDDERMINSTER Branch; It commenced with everyone going through a spook alley where they met a flying bat, plenty of spiders and got tangled in a spiders web. This was followed by the Witch's test, where 11 people sat in a circle blindfolded, and had horrible things passed around, like worms (cold spaghetti) and an eye, (grape) etc. Much to the relief of the party, refreshments were served next, and these were followed by a number of party games.

★ NORTHAMPTON Branch celebrated bonfire night on Nov. 5th, when about forty members watched a really good firework display and afterwards enjoyed hot roast potatoes and soup provided by the Relief Society.

Members of the M.I.A. enjoyed a visit to the local "Rep" to see "The Importance of being Earnest" the popular comedy, on Nov. 6th.

★ The combined youth leadership of the Leicester Stake and the Mission met at the Mission Home in Sutton Coldfield on Nov. 3rd to review last years youth convention, and discuss future events that will bring the mission and stake closer.



Youth leaders meet at Central British Mission Home.



Some of the members of the Wales North District, CBM, proudly display the cup and certificates they won at the youth convention in October.

GLASGOW STAKE

★ William A. Scott, member of the Stake High Council and former bishop of the Springburn Ward, received an honorary Master M-Man Award and Peter D. Cameron, Stake Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent was presented with his M-Man Certificate and pin on Nov. 17th at the stake quarterly conference. The awards were presented by Elder Boyd K. Packer, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and were in fact, the first of their kind to be presented in the Glasgow Stake.



William Scott receives Honorary Master M Man Award.



Peter Cameron, Glasgow Stake YMMIA superintendent.

★ The Relief Societies of the stake held a Grand Bazaar in the Woodside Halls on Nov. 9th. It was a busy, happy day for the whole stake. Jessie Goldie, a former stake Relief Society president from Clydebank Branch, declared the bazaar open, and Bishop Peter Heede then presented her with a beautiful hand-painted tray of fruit and nuts. The stalls were beautifully arranged with all manner of lovely creative articles. and business was brisk. The priesthood were very much in evidence, helping out very effectively. For a new idea that some other branches may be able to copy, two sisters who are hairdressers ran a booth, and they had quite a queue waiting for hair-cuts.

★ When the DRUMCHAPEL Ward building was dedicated on Nov. 17th 1968, the sermon and dedicatory prayer were given by Stake President, David M. Porch, on assignment from Elder Boyd K. Packer, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

Work on the chapel was commenced in 1961 and it was completed in November 1963. Plans for the building were prepared by Glasgow Architect, John Easton, and it is the only one of its kind in the Church. Stevenson McDonald was supervisor of the building, and Brian Wade, Brian Ditty and Peter Craven were Building Missionaries who served during the construction. President David O. McKay once visited the site and examined the progress of the building work

Bishop Orval P. Mortensen conducted the dedicatory services and he express-



Drumchapel Ward chapel of Glasgow Stake which was opened in 1963 was dedicated by Stake Pres. David Porch on assignment from Elder Boyd K. Packer, Assistant to the Twelve.

ed his appreciation for the loyal support of the ward members in raising the necessary funds and preparing the building for dedication. Former Stake Pres., Archibald R. Richardson, who has also served briefly as bishop of the Drumchapel Ward, commended the members for their dedication to the Lord's work.

Special musical selections consisted of a vocal solo by Nan Forsyth, who sang "Bless this House", and a chorus of Singing Mothers under the direction of Audrey Learmouth, singing "We Ever Pray For Thee". Janet Mortensen was the accompanist.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION
1968 YOUTH CONVENTION

★ The coach lines in the area of the Mission did a really "smashing" business when they were asked to transport 405 Latter-day Saints to a Youth Convention held at Torquay. More than 250 were teenagers and young unmarried adults, while the remaining number were parents, leaders and Primary age children, which gave a wonderful family atmosphere to the entire convention.

On Friday morning, Oct. 18th, the coaches left from the various districts in the mission and journeyed to Torquay, where the facilities af Pontins Barton Hall were arranged for the convention. That evening found the four districts of the mission competing for roadshow honours. After this a fun filled barn dance was held in the ballroom with everyone participating, even the senior citizens. Saturday at 7.30 a.m. the athletic events started with volleyball, football, netball and pushball going on at the same time. Tug-O-War with teams of eight on each end of a huge 3″ diameter rope proved to be a great entertainment. Pushball was also most enjoyable. This was followed by the Swimming Gala which had 23 events. After a clean-up and refreshing lunch, everyone assembled in the ballroom for the music festival competition, followed by the speech festival.

Throughout 1967-68, the district



There was great fun at the Tug-O-War for the youths.



Push ball had lots of support at youth convention.



Crawley District roadshow.



Everyone joins in the Square Dance

M.I.A's. were gathering points for their activities with the goal before them of winning the Don K. Archer Cup, at the Youth Convention. Each district was able to gather more points to add to their total by their participation in the convention activities. This created great enthusiasm and participation resulting in the four districts being very close in total points. Thames Valley District won the cup this year, Portsmouth District held it in 1967.

Saturday evening everyone dressed formally for the ball, during the intermission the cup was presented to Arthur Hunter, District Y.M.M.I.A. Supt. by Pres. J. W. Child, Mission President.



Portsmouth District roadshow.



Watford District roadshow.

The last day—the Sabbath—was planned to instruct and build spiritually the youth in particular. At 7.30 a.m. a youth seminar was held for those aged 14 and over, while all married adults, parents and children attended a panel discussion on family problems. The Seminar began with a panel of five discussing Church standards and teenage problems with solutions. The group separated into departments with the boys meeting with Mission M.I.A. Supt. Harry Withington, Pres. Child and special guest speaker George Everton, counselor in the London Temple presidency; a question and answer period followed. The girls' department enjoyed a discussion on Fashion with Pamela Wigglesworth, a Mia Maid teacher and counselor, whose profession is dressmaking. This was followed by a talk on chastity by guest speaker Sister Everton. A stimulating question-answer period climaxed this department also, with Mission M.I.A. Pres. Jessie Withington, and Mission Auxiliary Supervisor Joan Child, answering the questions.

The convention was concluded with a two hour conference of youth speakers, a film "How near to the Angels", and an address by the mission president, followed by an inspiring testimony meeting. All left the convention with gratitude in their hearts for the M.I.A. and their membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

★ Barbara Walsh of Winchester Branch received a call for a full time mission last summer and is now serving in Pau, about 15 miles from the Spanish Border, in the French Mission. She joined the



Barbara Walsh serving in the French Mission.

Church in Bracknell in March 1962 and has worked in M.I.A., Relief Society and Sunday School, in Bracknell, Southampton and Winchester Branches. Her work took her to Southampton in 1965, and she became a member of the Winchester Branch when it was formed last year. British South Mission now has three missionaries serving overseas, the other two are; Michael Tate from Winchester and Brian Rock from Mitcham, both in the South African Mission.

★ On 9th Nov. the Aaronic Priesthood holders of the CRAWLEY District were hosts to their mothers at a special "Honour My Mother" Banquet. Victor L. Palmer, District Aaronic Priesthood advisor, was master of ceremonies. Special guests and speakers for the evening included; Pres. and Sister Cornell of the British South Mission presidency, London Temple Pres. Dougald McKeown and Sister McKeown and Pres. James Hart of the Crawley District and Sister Hart.

After a banquet of soup, roast beef boiled potatoes and sliced beans, fruit salad and cream, Richard Heath-Hall paid tribute to his mother and all the mothers present. Phyllis Baldock then replied on behalf of the mothers, and told of the joy of having a son holding the Aaronic Priesthood. All the mothers were then presented with a carnation posy by George Laycock on behalf of the Crawley District High Priests. Pres. Hart paid tribute to the Aaronic Priesthood in the district, and their excellent conduct at the Torquay Youth Convention. Pres. McKeown spoke of their responsibilities , and preparation for Church leadership and temple service. Pres. Cornell expressed his appreciation for being invited to the banquet, paid tribute to the mothers present and stressed the need to develop the characters of the boys within their charge. Bro. Palmer then thanked all those who had helped so splendidly, especially the Elders from the 4th Quorum for their efforts in cooking the meal, preparing the hall and waiting at the tables.

★ The Cultural hall of READING Chapel really did become a "Winter Wonderland" on Nov. 9th, when the eleven branch Relief Societies in the THAMES VALLEY District held their Annual Bazaar. "Winter Wonderland" was the theme and each branch decorated their stall with this in mind. Work began the day before when the sisters started assembling their stalls, and by mid-morning on Saturday the Cultural Hall was a hive of activity, but all was in readiness when Mission President J. R. Child and his wife arrived to judge and open the Bazaar.

Beautiful handwork was there in abundance, as were delicious home made cakes, sweets, jams and pickles. and a very happy and prosperous day was enjoyed by all.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ News from PLYMOUTH this month gives a new idea; in October they held a 50/50 Auction in aid of the Branch Building Fund. Howard Benton-Coleman was the auctioneer, and when the members' 50% had been paid, they still had a profit of £17.

A few members of the M.I.A. went to the local History Department of Plymouth Library on Nov. 2nd and were shown by the historian how to trace West Country Genealogies. On the 3rd they held a fireside at the chapel, and Gerald Folley showed a film of Salt Lake City, then Fred Knowles asked and invited questions about Church doctrine and organisation, with lively participation by the teenagers.



Winning Relief Society stall, Oxford Branch, BSM. From left, Gillian Brown-Lee, Thames Valley District Homemakng counselor; Madeleine Brighty, district president; Maralyn Lasater, Oxford Branch president and Connie Rigby, Oxford secretary.

★ During an Annual Procession in POOLE, St. John's Ambulance Brigade entered a float which carried the dummy used for the "Kiss of Life", this started the Relief Society president thinking, and after a phone call to the local brigade they were able to have a demonstration and practice one Relief Society night. Mr. R. Cale, and Ressusi-Ann, arrived at 8 p.m. and although the demonstration was serious, he had a subtle sense of humour which caused the evening to be one of the most enjoyable and instructive that they have ever had.

★ As a change from having a social evening, the Relief Society presidency suggested an outing to Weymouth to meet the sisters there. This received unanimous approval, and so one evening the coach left Poole at 7 p.m. and they rode through towns, villages and hamlets enjoying the beautiful scenery. They arrived in Weymouth by 8-15 and were greeted by the sisters there. The coach driver then took them on to a park where they had a supply of sandwiches, cakes, apple pies and "Brownies" and talked happily. Afterwards they went for a walk, but all too soon it was time to bid farewell to the Weymouth sisters and travel home.

★ The mission home of the Southwest British Mission at Bristol was the scene on Oct. 26 of a seminar and workshop for district and mission Relief Society Sisters. Many arts and crafts were displayed and instructions given on how to make the items. This took the major part of the afternoon.



Some of the Poole and Weymouth Sisters on a companionship meeting at Weymouth in the Southwest British Mission.

The 28 Sisters present were served lunch.

The enjoyable day was under the direction of Sis. Marie F. Bradshaw, mission supervisor, assisted by Sis. Myrtle Twitchell.

The lovely items were on display throughout the day as a means of helping and encouraging the Sisters in making and holding attractive and worthwhile bazaars in their respective branches.

LONDON STAKE

★ On Nov. 16th the Stake M.I.A. presented the Parent and Youth Night "Make Mine Happy". Stake Drama Director Hal Hannan produced this show. Six wards participated in the production and approximately 200 people attended in addition to the many involved in the performance itself.



Guests enjoying an excellent buffet prepared by the Sisters of St. Austell Branch, Southwest British Mission, as they entertained guests from Cornwall District.



Myrtle Twitchell, left and Marie Bradshaw with beautiful display of handiwork at Southwest British Mission Relief Society Bazaar and Workshop.



Another section of the large Bazaar and Workshop presented by Relief Society sisters of the Southwest British Mission.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ On 29th Oct. an Open Night was held in the BILLINGHAM Ward Chapel. Two films were shown by Councillor Laurie Watson of the town council. The first recalled highlights of the International Folklore Festival, which was held in the town last August, and the second took the viewers through the beautiful scenery of Wensleydale. When visitors had been shown round the building, the missionaries rounded off the evening with the film "Man's Search For Happiness". Refreshments were then served to members and their friends.

The Young Marrieds' Group of the ward enjoyed a Hallowe'en Party on Oct 27th. A Spook Alley was prepared by Jack Gizzie and Alex Stewart which caused much excitement and soon showed who the brave ones were. The evening was spent in recounting ghost stories, etc. and playing games appropriate to the night. Instead of the usual well-planned menu, it was one of pot-luck, as each couple brought foods ranging from salad to meat and potatoes, which made a welcome change.

The ward is hoping to have its chapel dedicated next spring which means they have to earn a lot of money fast. Each family is doing its best to help in this aim. The Gizzie family made their contribution on Nov. 16th by holding a small dinner party in their home. Sheila Gizzie, assisted by her young daughters Jane and Karen, cooked and served an exciting three course dinner, which was well worth the 5/– charged. Her lounge and dining-room were filled to overflowing with the fourteen guests who enjoyed both the meal and the entertainment which was provided by the head of the family, Jack Gizzie. A very satisfying way of earning £3.

★ HARTLEPOOL Ward held their Halloween Party on the traditional night, under the direction of the M.I.A. The Cultural Hall was decorated appropriately with witches' broomsticks, skeletons, etc. and there was a Spooks' Alley which caused much excitement, as did the bobbing for apples. Forty-five people attended, many in fancy dress, and for refreshments they enjoyed roast potatoes, soup, treacle scones and toffee apples.

★ MIDDLESBROUGH Ward Relief Society held a jumble sale on Nov. 8th in aid of their budget fund, and raised £15.

★ Under the direction of the Stake Relief Society presidency a Pie and Pea supper was held at the Stakehouse in October. After the supper, the 108 people who attended, enjoyed watching a play performed by Billingham Ward, entitled "St. Peter and the Relief Society". This was a comedy pointing out the results of not going to Relief Society meetings! It was produced by Sheila Gizzie; and the cast included Valerie Hall, Ann Ingram, Avril Walker, Marlene Crane, Pauline O'Neill, Maureen Beaumont and Mary Bousefield, with Jack Gizzie as St. Peter, and Brian Skipper as his messenger. Sister McNee then sang a solo, and her husband played a piano solo. Finally May Gardner and Doris Laurie of Hartlepool Ward sang, "How Great Thou Art." These two sisters together with Ida Fenwick, were responsible for the decorations in the Cultural hall, which were in the auxiliary's colours of blue and gold

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BRITISH MISSION

★ GORLESTON Branch M.I.A. held a bonfire at the back of the chapel for members, their children and friends on Nov. 5th. There were plenty of fireworks and everyone had a thoroughly

good time, with over 60 people in attendance. The evening was rounded off with jacket potatoes and hot squash, and at 9 p.m. everyone went home, very smoky but tired and happy.

Robin Sidney Haines, a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood, and son of Bro. and Sis. Ronald Haines of Gorleston, has now served 15 months of a 12 year navy engagement although only 16½ years old. He has delighted his parents with the high percentages he has obtained in his exams. He is in the Fleet Air Arm, and while awaiting a ship is attached to the fire fighting patrol at H.M.S. Seahawk at Culdrose, Cornwall. When he finally goes to sea he will be an aircraft handler.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ October—To Pat and Mac Wagley, (nee McMonagal) formerly North British Mission, at Groves, Texas, U.S.A. a daughter Cheryl.

★ October 5th—To Roy and Pauline Carey, Middlesborough Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Charlotte Angelique.

★ October 13th—To Gordon and Anne Tolman, (nee Stephens) formerly North British Mission, at Midvale, Utah, a daughter, Toni Lynn.

★ November 1st—To John and Marjorie Jenner (nee Svenson) formerly North British Mission, at Taylorsville, Salt Lake City, a son.

★ November 3rd—To Landy and Joan Clarke, Scunthorpe Branch, North British Mission, a son, Darren Orlando.

★ November 4th—To Samuel and Susan Barber, Burton on Trent Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Elizabeth.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ Mary Jones of Liverpool Branch to Leonard Hathaway of Burnley.

★ Jean Griffithes of Middlesbrough Ward to Edwin Evan Sparks.

MARRIAGES

★ The marriage of Susan Janet Paterson to Christopher John Broadribb took place at Hyde Park Chapel on Sept. 22nd. Bishop C. Neldon Bateman officated and the bride was given away by her father former Bishop Frank Paterson of the London Stake High Council. Her dress was of white lace in a victorian style, with bustle, puffed sleeves and lace bib. She carried a posy of white freesia and pink roses and wore small white flowers in her ringlets. Of the seven bridesmaids, Mary Dawn, Flora



Christopher Broadribb and Susan Paterson on the day of their marriage.

Lee and Jan Hemingway, Desiree and Eugenie Hamstead were dressed in pink, and Lisa and Lauri, twin daughters of Bishop and Sister Bateman, wore oyster dresses. All carried white hymnbooks decorated with pink carnations.

★ The wedding took place in the Aberdeen Branch of George H. Bowie and Lorna A. Andrew Branch Pres. Stanley Thompson performed the ceremony. Katherine Andrew, the bride's sister, was bridesmaid, and Brian Cumming was best man. Since his wedding, Brother Bowie has been called as the branch president, and his wife is a counselor in the Y.W.M.I.A.



George H. Bowie and Lorna Andrew after their wedding at Aberdeen.

★ John Donaldson and Isobel Sutherland were also married in the Aberdeen Chapel recently. President Thompson performed the ceremony.



Peter Withington and Patricia Tate on their wedding day.

★ Gloria Patricia Burke Albiston and Alan McDonald were married on Nov. 1st at the Aberdeen Chapel. The ceremony was conducted by Branch Pres. George H. Bowie. The bride wore a dress of frosted satin and ribboned lace and carried a bouquet of peach rose buds, white freesia and lily of the valley. She was attended by Kathleen Sunderland and Sally Ann Smith. At a pre-wedding party given by the bride's mother, Mrs. Esther Albiston, for all members and friends in the branch cultural hall, over 100 guests were catered for. The branch band supplied music for dancing, singing and games.

★ Branch Pres. Brian Newton was kept busy during September and October when he officiated at three weddings in the Southampton Chapel.

On September 7th Peter Withington, president of Gosport/Fareham Branch was married to Patricia Tate of Win-

chester Branch, A reception was held in the cultural hall afterwards for many relatives and friends. The couple attended the temple on September 9th and then left for their honeymoon in Switzerland and Italy.

★ Eleanor Crook and John Hollis were the next couple to be married, on Sept. 26th; they are both members of the Southampton Branch, and Eleanor was instrumental in introducing her husband to the Church through M.I.A. She is the Portsmouth District Y.W.M.I.A. president. Their reception was held at a hotel.



John Hollis and Eleanor Crook cutting their wedding cake.

★ On Oct. 5th Michael Howard of Gosport//Fareham Branch married Helen Hankin of the Winchester Branch. Helen has been working in Winchester Hospital as a nurse for several years, and she also introduced her husband to the Church. Their reception was held at Fareham.

Four Testimonies

★ On a cold November morning, 53 years ago, four teenage girls were baptised into the Church in the North Sea, beyond Lowestoft. Three of these Sisters attend the same branch today. They are Gertrude (Walker) Neeve, age 75; Ivy (Firmin) Upson, age 72; May (Coleby) Blowers, age 70. The fourth, Sister Lily (Walker) Bush, went to Salt Lake City, Utah, many years ago and is still faithful to the Church.

The three Sisters who remained in England have also contributed much in time, talent and service to the Church. They have served in each of the auxiliaries, accepted calls as part-time missionaries, as Relief Society presidents totalling 12 years, filling district appointments, and sang with the Relief Society Singing Mothers as they toured Great Britain several years ago.

These Sisters are all very proud of their membership in the Church. Their testimonies have grown during the years. They have seen fulfillment of the declaration that the Lowestoft Chapel would not be large enough to hold the people and they were privileged to help build the new chapel.

During the two World Wars the three Sisters who remained in England saw many faith promoting instances amid enemy action that helped to strengthen their testimonies. At the time of the mass evacuation from the most easterly point in Britain the Church membership was reduced to none during one week.

These four Sisters hope they will endure to the end. They bear testimony that the Church has enriched their lives and they have found great joy in the service they have given and by striving to follow the teachings of the Saviour

Priesthood, Home Teaching, Welfare, Relief Society, Primary Stressed At Regional Meet

★ A plea for all officers and teachers to be concerned about the one million youth under 21 in the Church and to care for them was issued by Pres. A. Ray Curtis, Regional Representative, at the regional meeting held in Leicester Stake Centre, Nov. 9th.

Accompanying Pres. Curtis from Salt Lake City were Edythe Watson and Lila B. Walch of the Relief Society General Board and Clara McMaster of the Primary General Board. Mrs. McMaster was accompanied by her husband, Stuart McMaster who graciously filled in during the music session for Dr. Lowell B. Durham, who was unable to meet the commitment.

All stakes and missions in Great



Sister Lila B. Walch of the Relief Society General Board at the Manchester Regional meeting.



Pres. Ray Curtis, right, Regional representative of the Twelve, witth Sister Clara McMaster, left; Sister Lila B. Welch, Sister Edythe Watson and Bro. Stuart McMaster

Britain were represented. Host for the day was Pres. Kenneth J. Poole, and his counselors of Leicester Stake. Lunch was prepared and served by the Relief Society.

The opening general meeting was addressed by the visiting leaders followed by separate meetings for the Primary and Relief Society and priesthood. Following lunch the music department was also held while priesthood leaders considered welfare problems.

Pres. Curtis pleaded for officers and teachers to "individualize" their assignments that they might be concerned about and do something for the youth. "Youth," he said "don't care how much we know, but how much we care."

He disclosed that the average Sacrament Meeting attendance in the Church in 1937 was 16 per cent but in the past 10 years has increased to 36 per cent. However in Great Britain it is only 16.3 per cent, 20 per cent below the Church average. In student stakes (located near universities and colleges) attendance is 65 per cent.

A recorded message on Genealogical work prepared by Dean Belnap gave renewed emphasis to this most important phase of the Gospel plan.

Bro. Belnap, who told listeners he alone has prepared 17,000 family group sheets, (which amazed everyone in the congregation) said that beginning Oct. 1, 1969, submitting of one's own lineage will be upon single name entry sheets and the family group sheets will remain as an individual's own personal record. The family group sheets will become more a part of the Book of Remembrance as the Church keeps

records of names beyond the fourth generation on its computer system. It will no longer be necessary to submit family group sheets beyond the fourth generation as conceivably this information will be on the computer.

Bro. Belnap emphasized therefore the need for heads of families to submit their four generation family group sheets before the Oct. 1, 1969 date that this information may be assembled for the records.

He said it is also MOST VITAL that families register with the Pedigree Referral System so that duplication may be prevented.

Bro. Belnap said the four points of the Genealogical programme are:

1. Complete the four generation group sheets in your homes.
2. Begin and encourage Books of Remembrance (give them to your children as gifts at Christmas, birthday, etc.,) as evidence of your lineage.
3. Teach the programme through workshops and other means that more people will become schooled in it.
4. Continue your efforts to the Temple.

He also noted that four-fifths of Genealogical research is traceable back to Great Britain, noting the great migration of people from the British Isles to the United States and Canada.

He observed that 66 per cent of the names for which ordinance work is done in the London Temple are being taken from parish registers. Forty-five per cent of parish records are now on films and it is hoped filming here will be concluded by July 1, 1969 on records dating back as far as 1050.

Priesthood members were informed of an unusual missionary effort in Manchester Stake as presented by Pres. J. H. Weightman, first counselor in the stake presidency. It was decided that one week during the summer would see every member in the stake assigned on a special missionary project, to conduct a religious survey. As Relief Society workers came to the chapels for their auxiliary meeting, they met for an opening programme and then all dispersed for their special assignments. Other auxiliary leaders did the same in place of their regular meetings.

The net result was that the 2,400 hours of missionary work by the stake membership kept the missionaries busy following up the 1,000 contacts which resulted in 14 baptisms. The missionaries did no tracting for three months following the survey.

Pres. Weightman said, "every member complained, 'it wasn't long enough they enjoyed the special project."

In the Manchester Stake the priesthood missionary leader works with the bishopric to correlate all missionary work in the ward, he said.

Pres. Weightman emphasized the programme for the week was worked out well in advance and planned to every hour and every member.

Also the stake now challenges each ward to hold a missionary event each quarter, each member to pass along a golden referral each month which they hope will result in a baptism every six months per member.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

"The unbelief of all the world cannot change a truth." —Heber J. Grant



Testimony From Viet Nam

★ John Dane, an Englishman, serving with the United States Army in Viet Nam writes this testimony of the reality of God.

From a hospital bed he describes the beauty of the sunrise over the South China Sea and ends his description with these words . . .

"0605 hours. Now the sun has risen above the sea horizon and hovers there a gigantic ball challenging a new day and heralding the populace to take to their tasks.

It is as if a signal were given and the whole of Viet Nam begins a new cycle of life intensifying as the sun rises higher in the colour suffused sky. It seems all wrong that such beauty should come to a war-torn country.

Perhaps even here the presence of the Creator of all things beautiful must make Himself known to those who watch and wait.

Long Night

The night has passed, one that was hot with hints of storms unimagined; of rain that felt warm on the face and steamed on the ground; of alert sirens and the noise of people running—shouting; of explosions as incoming rounds landed close to this hospital and enemy rockets whistled overhead going to other targets; of the dull boom of returning artillery and spasmodic light arms automatic fire with red and green and blue tracers arching in the dark stormy sky.

There in the hopeful, prayerful wait of the sick and dying in the hospital till the all clear is sounded and peace, perhaps for a short time, can again be enjoyed.

Medics and Doctors rush to the operating tables. Nurses take their positions and the casualties arrive to be treated and sent back or kept for further treatment. The most pathetic of all are those torn bodies burned from explosions, to be returned to families and homes for burial.

I would have given myself as a sacrifice to have prevented all this, but my time has not yet come. Instead, with thousands of others we were spared and we weathered the harsh night, though haggard waiting for another attack, another offensive against Chu Lai this time.

Sunrise—A New Day

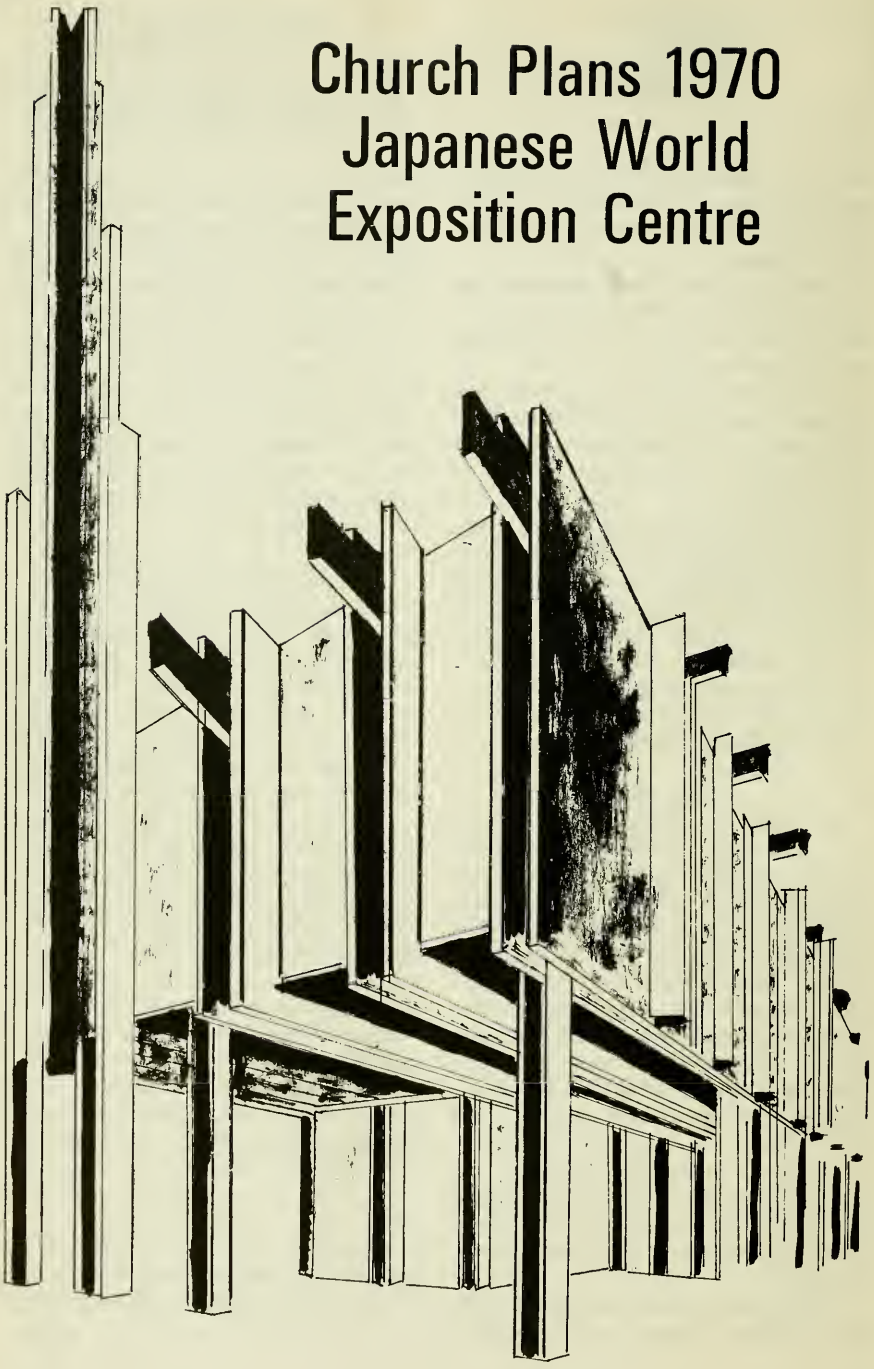
But with the morning all the nameless fears of the night were washed away. The potent tide of the sunrise was so magnificent that I imagined standing above the world witnessing the result of the eternal, irrevocable command "Let there be light . . . and there was light and God saw that it was good and indeed it was good." Suddenly, alone, yet not alone, for the Spirit was there as the sun swept away the nameless horrors of the night. The whisperings of the Spirit brought a calmness and an abiding awareness of the Almighty presence even here in Viet Nam.

Perhaps peace on earth needn't be a Christmas time theme but a year round theme and the feeling here is certainly one of peace at the moment, that is until the next time when we need another new day dawning to remind us that God lives. If today is just a reminder, what must the resurrection morning be like?

Wishing you . . . a good and prosperous day and greetings from us here on a beautiful morning in Viet Nam.

—John

Church Plans 1970 Japanese World Exposition Centre



ORIENTAL-STYLE BUILDING

★ The First Presidency has announced plans for the construction of an exhibition building at Osaka, Japan, site of the 1970 Japanese World Exposition which opens in the spring, and continues through the fall.

Emil B. Fetzer, Church architect, designed the building which will be constructed of structural steel with lightweight cast stone panels. It is designed so that much of the material can be re-used for Church buildings in the Osaka area after the exposition closes.

The modern-Oriental style one-story building will be constructed on stilts with an entrance from both ends through Japanese gardens to a central lobby on the ground level. Here groups will assemble, receive literature and begin a guided tour of the exposition mounting to the exhibition floor on a graceful, curving stairway.

The main floor will include four exhibition areas and two small theaters with a seating capacity of 100 persons each. The theaters will be situated so one can be operating while the other is being filled. Visitors will leave the upstairs via another curving stairway.

The 10,000 square foot office and exhibition building will have a tower rising 80 feet with a statue of the Angel Moroni on top.

A favourable location has been secured for the building, adjacent to a main raised moving sidewalk and near the big Japanese government exhibition.

Report On Convention '69

★ Early trends in a Census of Wards and Branches in Britain and Eire seem to be showing an increase in the number of LDS students at University, College of Education and such, and it is hoped that there will be an increase in attendance at the Second National LDS Student Convention from that at Leicester in 1968.

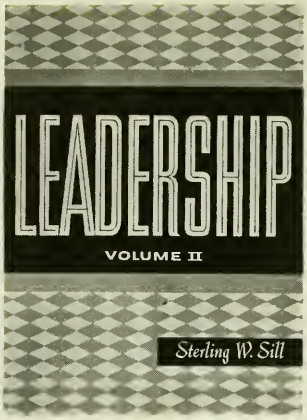
This year the Convention is to be held at Sunderland, using the Stake Centre as a focal point for the activities, and the College of Education for accommodation; though project work, sports and a barbecue will see the group moving further afield. The committee will work with the local Stake and Ward leaders to co-ordinate plans for the week-end, March 27-30.

The barbeque has been mentioned; it will be predominantly self-cooking and self-entertaining by the group in contrast to the canned aspects of the opening social, where a discotheque scene will, with music, lights and a fast programme, provide sufficient flexibility to invigorate the travel weary and handle their arriving throughout the evening. Also worth noting will be the Ball on the Saturday evening.

But though the Convention's aim is to be fun, primarily fun, this, it is hoped, will result from things other than the purely social.
chosen which will inform discussion groups on the student's role, fringe panel discussions on problems resulting from the various disciplines pursued, workshop sessions on morality, and so

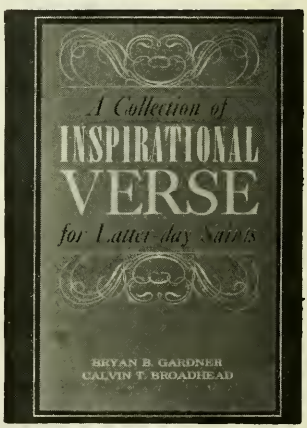
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A Two And A Half Minute Talk

★ Do you go to Church to learn something, or to have a gossip session with with your friends?

Or to get the answers to your homework assignments? Or to get in on all the fun activities?

Or to learn and develop a testimony?

Just going to Church doesn't make a Christian.

Just because you go to Church doesn't mean you are getting anything out of it. These meetings are scheduled for a purpose. This is to teach us the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As a Latter-day Saint, you should know the teachings of this Church well enough to explain them to any person who might want to know about them.

Remember, "Every member a missionary." And if you don't know and live the Gospel how can you acquire a testimony?

The next time you go to Church, go for a purpose. Really listen. Learn something. Remember what you hear.

Don't just count every meeting as another duty performed, another mark toward your individual award. Be something more than just a name on the roll book. Be an active member of this true Church!

(So spoke Drew Stephens, age, 12 as he participated in Sunday School. His talk was printed in a recent issue of The Church News. We believe it carries a potent message and submit it for your thought and action.)



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Christmas parties should be reported as soon as possible, as we do not like news that is more than one month old, and will not print Christmas reports after the February issue. (remember the February issue will be made up in January.)

We will print births, but not blessings or baptisms.

The deadline is the 20th of each month, any news received after the 20th will have to wait until the next month. Try to remember that we work 6 weeks in advance, and so you will have to wait some time before you see your news in print. We try to use every item that is sent in, unless it is too dated, and we apologise if there have been any mis-spelt names, here again it may have been poor writing, and again we would stress that names of people and places be printed if you do not have a typewriter.

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ON THE DEVIL'S GROUND

"We have no right to go near temptation, or in fact to do or say a thing that we cannot honestly ask the blessing of the Lord upon."

—Heber J. Grant

Temple: Golden Age Programme

★ NOW that the TEMPLE is OPEN on MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, we are introducing our

GOLDEN AGE PROGRAMME

We invite those of our brethren and sisters who have reached pensionable age to spend an enjoyable holiday at the Temple. We realise that this will involve considerable expense and are therefore prepared to pay an endowment allowance as follows:

Mar/Oct 4/- Nov/Feb 5/- for all Missions and Stakes plus a bonus of 17/6d. for each fourteen endowments performed

Based on accommodation rental at Edenbrook of £2 15 0d. per person per week and taking into account the cost of clothes hire and meals at the Temple, if your stay is of four weeks duration, then all expenses, including travel expenses will be met from the allowance.

The following example may be of help to you when planning for your Golden Age holiday:—

4 weeks accommodation at £2 15 0d. per week	11 0 0
4 weeks clothes rental at 2/6d. per week	10 0
4 weeks food at 4 lunches and 2 teas at 2/6 each	3 0 0
Total	14 10 0

The above is the cost to you (excluding of course your fares and food when not at the Temple), and below is an example of the amount in allowances you can expect to receive:—

4 weeks at 14 sessions per week—		
	56 at say 4/- per session	11 4 0
Bonus	— 4 at 17/6	3 10 0
	Total	14 14 0

We are also prepared to make the following travelling allowance based on a minimum of 14 endowments per week for a maximum of 4 weeks:—

Up to	50	miles from	Temple	7/6 per week
,,	100	,,	,,	14/- ,,
,,	150	,,	,,	20/- ,,
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,,	350	,,	,,	40/- ,,
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Over	400	,,	,,	50/- ,,

If you need any further help at all please write to the Temple Presidency or ring LINGFIELD 2759.

DO NOT MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

Near Washington,D.C.

Maryland Temple To Serve Eastern United States

★ A site near Washington, D.C., USA, has been selected for a Temple, the First Presidency has announced.

President David O. McKay considered it a "great pleasure in being able to approve construction of a House of the Lord to serve an area in which a Temple is so much needed."

The 57-acre site, located in suburban Maryland, on a prominence 120 feet above the surrounding terrain, overlooks Rock Creek Park.

The Washington Temple will serve more than 238,000 members of the Church living east of the Mississippi River in 38 stakes and missions. The First Presidency said this area in the United States and Canada includes the largest body of Latter-day Saints in the world not living within a reasonable close proximity to a Temple.

The new Temple will be located on a tract readily accessible to the entire area to be served—by road, rail or air. It is the largest undeveloped tract of its kind in the Washington metropolitan area, and of sufficient size to accommodate potential expansion.

Near Capital

Nearby will be the National Capital Beltway, an interstate highway used by travellers along the Atlantic Coast.

Members of the Church in the stakes and missions have pledged their full support in the project through their leaders, the First Presidency said. The area will be organized into a temple district and the membership will be asked to contribute a fair proportion of the cost of the new temple.

The First Presidency also noted that the new sacred edifice will bring added blessings and opportunities for continuing temple work by the many Church members who presently find it more difficult to go to a temple because of the additional time and money factors.

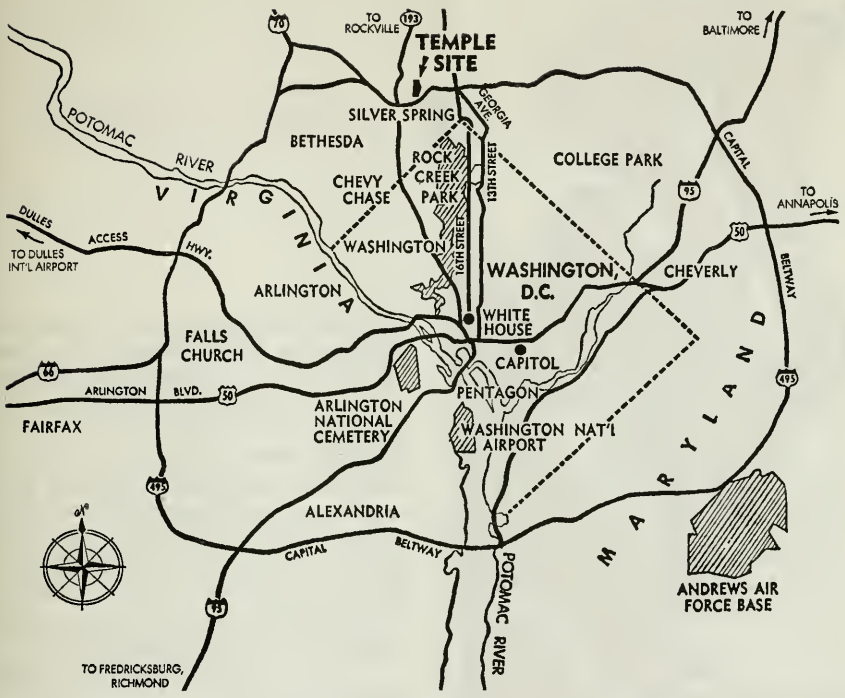
Some of the finest genealogical research facilities in the world are located in the capital area.

The First Presidency announced that plans for the new temple will proceed as rapidly as possible with the architectural plans and construction to be directed by the Church Building Committee with Mark B. Garff, chairman.

13 In Operation

Presently the Church has 13 temples in operation throught the world—four in Utah, two in California, one each in Idaho, Hawaii, Canada, Arizona, England, Switzerland and New Zealand. Within the past year the Church announced two new temples would be built in Utah, one at Provo and the other at Ogden.

Also of interest to Church membership was the announcement in recent



months that a partial restoration of the Nauvoo Temple is planned by the Nauvoo Restoration, Inc. This temple was preceded only by the Kirtland Temple. The Nauvoo Temple was the first temple used for sacred ordinance work but was destroyed by fire in 1848, two and a half years after the Saints began their trek to Salt Lake City.

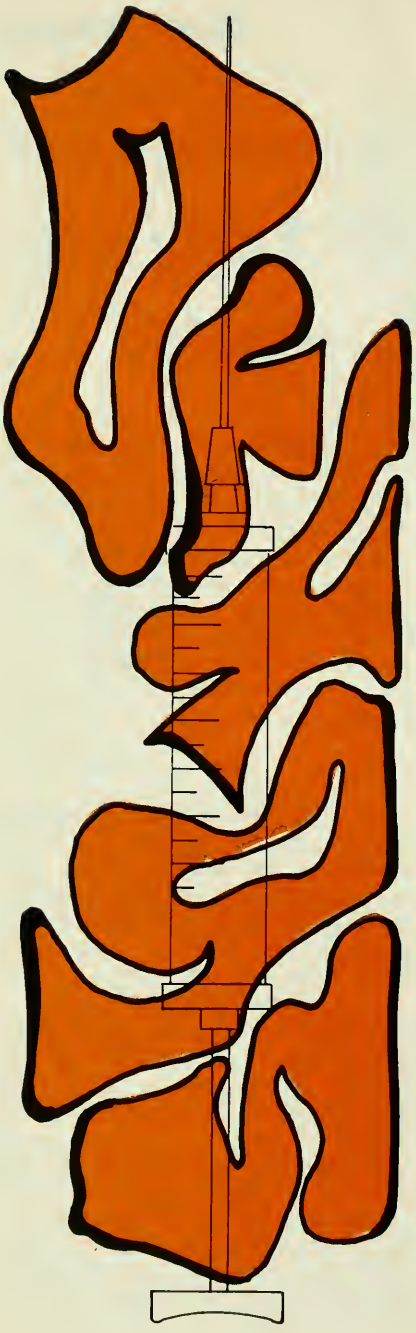
Dr. J. LeRoy Kimball, president and chairman of the board of NRI, notes the Nauvoo Temple restoration purpose is to create a centre where the Church's history can be told to the millions of tourists and residents expected to visit the Mississippi Valley region in the years ahead.

An exhaustive programme of archaeological and historical research, will precede the restoration. Numerous artifacts have already been unearthed, including sections of the wall which surrounded the original temple plot, part of the bricked basement floor, segments of the stone oxen statuary that sustained the baptismal font, workmen's tools, and other items.

Visitors Centre Also

A museum and visitors' centre to be located near the temple block will display the many artifacts. The temple story will also be told through displays, artwork and films.

The main exhibit will be the restored portion of the Nauvoo Temple with the footings and floor to be built over the exact spot where the original temple once stood, following the exact measurements of the original building, Dr. Kimball announced.



Styles

★ The ways of man and the ways of God are far apart and never the twain shall meet, unless man changes his ways to correspond with those of the Lord.

But willful man always has gone his own way. Only the repentant have made the adjustment.

Man's ways nearly always involve popularity. With God's path it is often quite the opposite.

Is popularity to be our measure and standard of personal conduct?

Is "but everyone does it" the controlling factor?

Can custom, style or fashion determine what is good and what is not?

Consider some of the customs and fashions of today, and what they bring to us.

Let us talk about drugs for a moment. Some reports indicate that half of the high school students of the United States have experimented with them to some degree, and that as many as 20 per cent of the students use them regularly.

Popularity is immediately involved. Even the youngsters who use them know that these drugs are harmful, and can bring even insanity or death. And they taste bad, too.

But danger or taste to the contrary,

And Standards

the drugs are used because "everyone does it," not that there is anything desirable about them.

Once Was Enough

Think next of tobacco and liquor. A 15-year-old boy recently said, "I tried them both but they tasted so bad that once was enough."

But with all their dangers to health and happiness both are used by many who think it is the thing to do to be popular, awful taste and all. It seems that some will do almost anything to be one with the crowd.

Immorality on a date is becoming "the accepted and expected thing" in some circles. This promiscuity is not only destroying the moral fibre of the nations, but it is spreading venereal disease so rapidly that public health officials now regard it as an epidemic which is out of control.

Does this "accepted thing" make it really acceptable? Can corruption be turned into goodness simply by making it popular?

Undue Publicity

One of the most notable examples of throwing standards to the winds in favour of popularity is to be found, of course, in both men's and women's styles.

Because misguided publishers and radio programme planners give undue publicity to the hippie element, long hair, dirty clothes and filthy habits have appeared in nearly every city.

Can such popularity make filth and base indulgence good?

And when Paris and New York decree shorter skirts, even mothers and grandmothers expose themselves immodestly because it is stylish. They should (and do) know better, which makes it even worse.

History repeats itself in these matters.

The devil is no more changeable than is God.

Always he has told people to "believe it not" when the sacred word has been preached. Always he has tempted them to sin. Always he has deceived them and made them think that if it glitters, and if he makes it popular, even sin will become acceptable.

But always God has held fast, and has commanded His people to observe His standards.

And always also, even some of His Saints have tried to compromise and serve two masters.

Can we really afford to be "right with fashion" when it makes us wrong with God?

(Reprint from Church News of Nov. 16, 1968)



A FLOWER IN THE GUTTER

(Joint 4th Prize Winner Poetry Competition)

I stand by the church in the wind-swept grass
Where the graves slumber on in the sun,
And I watch the cool shadows drift and pass
O'er this heaven of journeys done.

Crooked stones, sunken, and dim of face,
Time smooths praise graven by men long dead:
A sigh of rested souls steals round this place,
A murmer of last things said.

Litchened and crumbling slabs lean grey ,
Mute memory to three-score years and ten:
A span of ripe years is reaped in a day . . .
So God garners the souls of men.

Here . . . cloistered in shade at the foot of a yew.
To a death in the road . . . one small stone.
A life gathered home while fresh as the dew:
In quiet earth this child sleeps alone.

Not graven in stone are her buried years—
Full years to come, like green buds unsprung;
For the years that are gone have had their tears,
But years still unfurled are unsung.

What of her springtime, the long sunned days,
Sighs that a young heart scarce understood:
Her eager parted lips and questing gaze
At the threshold of womanhood?

The first flush of love like a scented stream,
A grasping at passion, yet half afraid:
Soft eyes, soft breath, soft summer days to dream . .
Those glowing years that death has stayed.

A woman there might have been, sweetly grown,
Slender and golden like ripened corn . . .
None gather the fruit of seed grave-sown:
More than lost are the years unborn.

I grieve for a life unlived, yet buried here,
Sigh for this fair flower that bloomed a day,
Pray that she may live with God each year
That might have been . . . and go my way.

—(By A. W. Tennyson, Brighton)

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the theme—
must we compromise?

Temple Schedule

LONDON TEMPLE SCHEDULE 1969
SATURDAY ASSIGNMENTS

JANUARY
4 Br. South, N. British, London
11 British, Cen. Brit, Glasgow
18 Leicester, Manchester, S.W.B.
25 London, Leeds

FEBRUARY
1 Br. South, N. British, London
8 British, Cen. Brit., Scottish
15 Leicester, Manchester, Leeds
22 British, Leeds

MARCH
1 Br. South, N. British, London
8 British, Cen. Brit.
15 Leicester, Manchester, S.W.B.
22 Glasgow, Leeds
29 London, Leeds, Sunderland

APRIL
5 Br. South, N. British, Scottish
12 British, Cen. British
19 Leicester, Manchester, S.W.B.
26 London, Leeds

MAY
3 Br. South, N. British
10 British, Cen. Brit.
17 S.W.B., Manchester
24 Leicester, Glasgow
31 London, Leeds, Sunderland

JUNE
7 Br. South, N. British, Scottish
14 British, Cen. Brit.
21 Leicester, S.W.B.
28 London, Leeds

JULY
5 Br. South, N. British
12 British, London
19 Leicester, Manchester, Br. South
26 London, Leeds, Sunderland

AUGUST
2 Br. South, N. British, Scottish, Leic.
9 British, Cen. Brit., Glasgow, London
16 CLOSED
23 CLOSED
30 CLOSED



JANUARY
20/23 Relief Soc: British, Br. South

FEBRUARY
10/13 Relief Soc: London, Leicester

MARCH
10/13 Relief Soc: Cen. British, S.W.B.
24/27 Relief Soc: Manchester, N. British

APRIL
4 Good Friday: 6.45am, 9.0am, 11.15am
7 Easter Mon: 6.45am, 9.0am, 11.15am
28 April/1st May
Relief Soc: Glasgow, Scottish

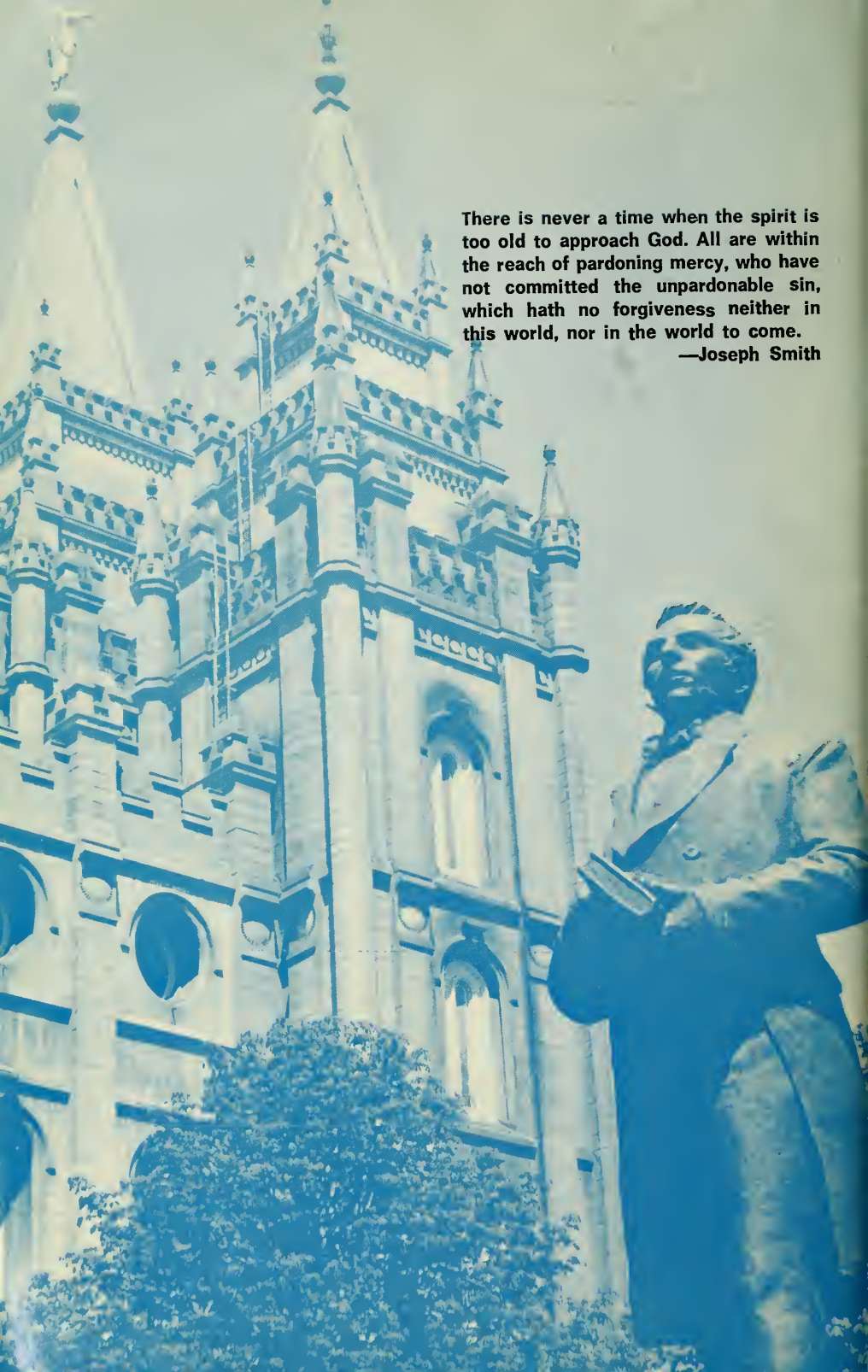
For your own endowments attend on Saturdays or Bank Holidays ONLY by 9.30 a.m.

The Temple is open Monday to Thursday inclusive and on Saturdays. Endowment Sessions are normally at 10.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. Monday—Thursday inclusive 6.45 a.m., 9.00 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. Saturdays and Bank Holidays 7.30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings except Bank Holidays.

Doors close 20 minutes before session times stated above.

Initiatory ordinance work for the dead 8.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. Monday to Thursday inclusive.





There is never a time when the spirit is too old to approach God. All are within the reach of pardoning mercy, who have not committed the unpardonable sin, which hath no forgiveness neither in this world, nor in the world to come.

—Joseph Smith

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Washington Temple

Ground Broken For New Holy Edifice Near U.S. Capital

★The Church is wasting no time in getting work started on the proposed new temple in the Washington, D.C. area. President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, broke ground recently for the Washington Temple. He and several other General Authorities participated in the service which was attended by more than 3,500 members in 35-degree weather on the 57-acre hilltop property. The site is just north of the United States capital.

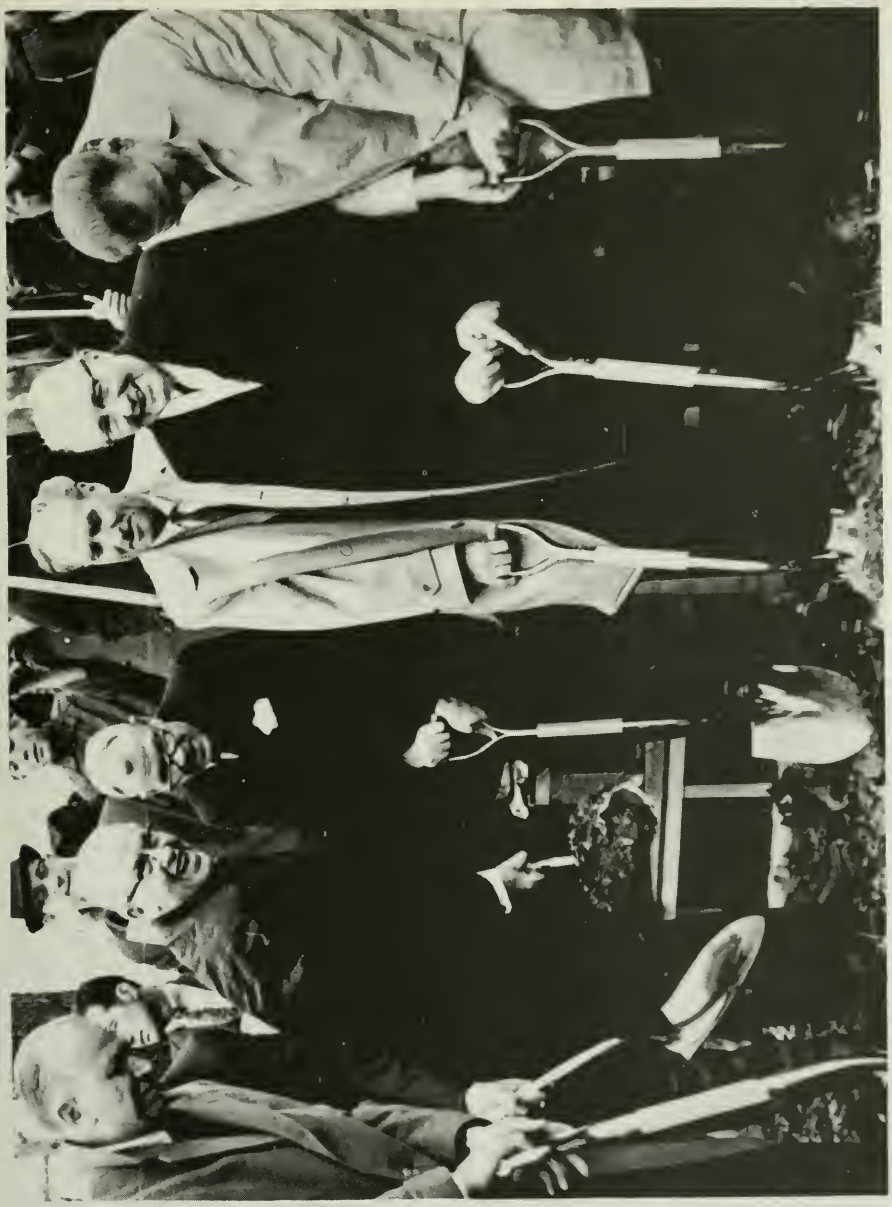
President Brown brought the blessings of the First Presidency and particularly of President David O. McKay.

"I have a thrill when I think of the significance of this occasion," President Brown said. Expressing his hope the holy edifice would be completed in four years, he said "we express deep appreciation to our Father that times have changed, and we are surrounded by friends. We would like to carry to them the Gospel."

President Brown before bowing his head and dedicating the site to the Lord described the sacred nature of



Bicycles brought some youths to wooded site



Ground breaking for new Washington Temple was presided over by President Hugh B. Brown, second from right. Others wielding shovels, from left, J. Willard Marriott Elder Ezra Taft Benson Pres. Milan D. Smith, Mark B. Garff and Elder Paul H. Dunn, right. PHOTO BY DESERET NEWS

the temple. He encouraged all members to conduct their lives so they may be worthy of its blessings.

Joining with President Brown at the ground breaking service were Elder Ezra Taft Benson, of the Council of the Twelve, the first president of the Washington Stake when it was organized 28 years ago;

Elder Paul H. Dunn, of the First Council of the Seventy, presently presiding over the New England Mission;

Robert W. Barker, Regional Representative of the Twelve;

Milan D. Smith, president of the Washington Stake, who conducted the meeting;

Pres. Julian C. Lowe of the Potomac Stake;

J. Willard Marriott, former president of the Washington Stake;

Mark B. Garff, chairman of the Church Building Department.

Purposes Of Temples

LATTER-DAY TEMPLES

★ President Joseph Fielding Smith of the First Presidency has informed us in this day and age that the Lord commands that temples be built that sacred ordinances and covenants necessary to the exaltation in the celestial kingdom may be bestowed upon all those who are worthy of the exaltation. (D&C 76: 52-56)

However, only those who have prepared themselves for exaltation by keeping all of the commandments and have prepared themselves by faith and faithfulness to be so endowed are entitled to enter the temple, and to receive these ordinances.

President Smith emphasizes the "responsibility resting upon the members of the Church in this dispensation is far greater than that given to any other dispensation. This being the last dispensation, it is our responsibility to labour, not only for ourselves, but also for all the righteous dead of all other dispensations for whom the work has to be done.

TEMPLES, SACRIFICE TO BUILD

★ The Nauvoo Temple which was dedicated on May 1, 1846 by Elder Orson Hyde was erected during a period when the saints were poor and during a great deal of the time the temple was being built, were harassed by their enemies. Cost of the structure was more than a million dollars.

Construction of the Salt Lake Temple, built under somewhat similar circumstances, required 40 years for construction and cost more than four million dollars.

There were no modern tools or machinery to aid in construction of those two edifices. The saints had to do everything by hand. They could not order timber from a lumber yard nor metal from an iron foundry. They had to cut and polish stone from the quarries. These temples were constructed at a time when the saints were being persecuted and in the case of the Nauvoo Temple, their Prophet Joseph Smith, forced into exile to avoid his enemies.

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Crowd of 3,500 members and friends were on hand despite 35-degree weather as President Brown broke ground for new Washington Temple.

PHOTO BY DESERET NEWS

The Genealogical Society Goes Electronic To Keep Pace With Research, Temple Work

★ There's a GIANT in the Church. His name is Genealogical Information and Name Tabulation, shortned to GIANT.

This Giant takes a huge step forward as The Genealogical Society prepares to enter the electronic age, at least that which has to do with the submission of and preparing names for temple work. This new programme involves procedure only, according to Elder Theodore L. Burton, Assistant to the Twelve, and vice president and general manager of The Genealogical Society.

Under the new plan individual names sent to the Society for processing will be coded to a "computerized" master index. Eventually the potential will include all identified names on certain types of records from nations to be electronically coded into this master index.

These are the records designed for Church records, civil registrations and vital statistical records and those compiled from cemeteries and others. Through individual genealogical research all available names which are not found in church or vital records will undoubtedly be assimilated into the GIANT index. Thus, with certain exceptions, all names submitted will be as single source individual entries rather than as family groups.

Therefore a single, simple, easy-to-use, entry form has been designed. Three specific rules to remember for the new recording names programme are:

1. The entry must be from a single source.
2. The information must be recorded exactly as found in the original source—that is spellings, abbreviations and so forth must not vary.
3. No information from any other source should appear on the entry.

There can be no approximated dates, changing of double dates to single dates, no addition of personally known information such as the adding of one parent's name if both are not found at the source, etc.

The certain exceptions include census returns, probates, and multiple sources necessary to establish specific relations for direct ancestry.

Instructions on how the family group record sheets, formerly used, are to be recorded, will be covered in the forthcoming new Records Submission Manual.

Patrons are to continue submitting their genealogy names on the familiar family group record sheets, finishing the work they have started under the present system, until July 1, 1969. None of these sheets will be accepted under the old programme after date.

The Genealogical Society will accept



Flexowriters in The Genealogical Society's offices in Salt Lake City.
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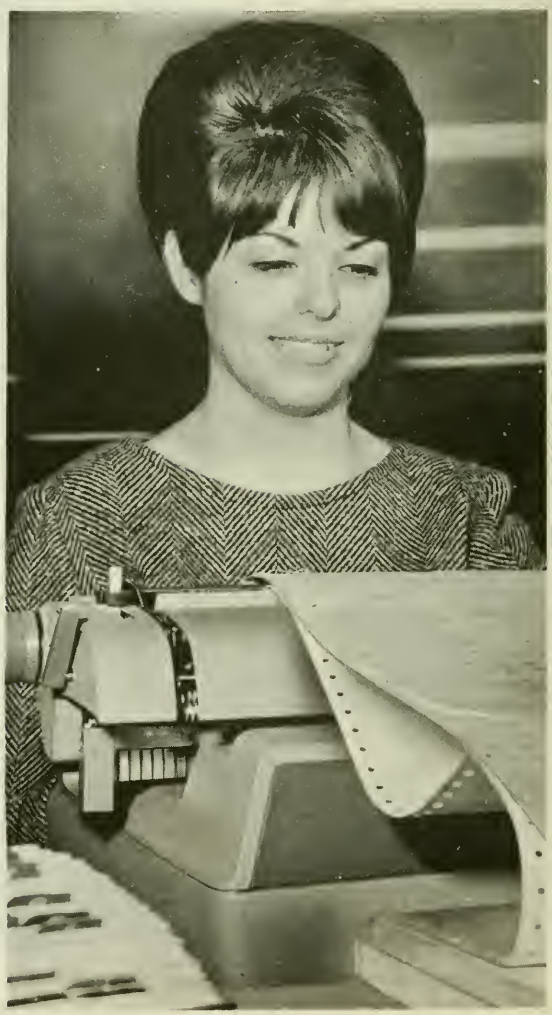
NO RECORDS for processing by the Society from July 1 to October 1, 1969, permitting the Society to process and clear from its files forms submitted under the old system.

Beginning October 1, 1969, the Society will begin accepting the new indlvidual entry forms.

This all means that the work in submitting and processing names will be less difficult than under the old system.

Elder Burton emphasizes that those doing their work now should not slacken or wait until the new system is affected.

He also emphasized that genealogical work under the new plan will not change or reduce the responsibility of Church members to seek after their dead.



Mrs. Ann Reynolds types new temple list for GIANT system.



Linda LuEllen Law checks sealing list on computer sheets.

Two Latter Day Saints

★ Two outstanding Latter-day Saints have been appointed to key positions by Richard Nixon, newly-elected president of the United States. It is believed this is the first time two Latter-day Saints have served in such high posts within the government of the United States.

The two former Utahns are Gov. George Romney of Michigan, appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Chicago banker David M. Kennedy named as Secretary of the Treasury. Both are very active, stalwart Church members and have likewise served in high positions within the Church.

Gov. Rommey was born in Mexico and lived in both Utah and Idaho. He became president of American Motors Corporation in 1954 and guided the firm into national prominence. He has given many years to public service through civic and community affairs which resulted in a new Michigan Constitution and put him into the 1962 race for governor which post he won.



George Romney, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Sermons In A

By President David O. McKay

Practice Ideals

★ If you would obtain the highest success and the most contentment of mind, practice in your daily contacts the ideals of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Try To Excel

Whatever you have chosen as your profession, do your best to excel.

Believe, Live Righteously

The thing that a man really believes in his heart is the thing that he really thinks. What he actually thinks is the thing he lives.

Set Goals

Men do not go beyond their ideals. They often fall short of them, but they never go beyond them.

Seek His Kingdom

With all my heart, I say to you that usefulness, pleasure, joy, and happiness in this life come by following Christ"s admonition of seeking first his kingdom.

When ! ! Then ! !

When the people who call themselves Christian militantly enlist under the leadership of the one to wnom they refer as King of the world; when they accept as facts and not as theo-

Named To U.S. Posts

Reelected in 1964 and again in 1966 he became a contender for the 1968 GOP presidential nomination.

Prior to his election as governor of Michigan he served as president of the Detroit Stake for several years.

Bro. Kennedy is chairman of the board of Continental National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, Illinois. He was born at Randolph, Rich County, Utah. He is a graduate of Weber State College, George Washington University and Rutgers University.

He left Utah to work in Washington, D.C., for the Federal Reserve System, advancing to chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Bro. Kennedy joined Continental Illinois in 1946 and was named vice president in 1951. In 1953-54 he served as special assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury and returned to the bank where he became president in 1956 and chairman of the board in 1959.



David M. Kennedy, Secretary of the Treasury.

Bro. Kennedy was a counselor in the Chicago Stake presidency until 1966 and while in Washington was a bishop.

Sentence Or Two

ries His moral and spiritual teachings; when for selfishness they substitute kindness and thoughtfulness toward others; when they aggressively defend the principles of true liberty, then may we begin to realize the hope that wrong may be abolished, righteousness may be enthroned in human hearts, and honest relations may become the daily practice of society. Then, and not until then, will he kingdoms of this world became the kingdom of our God.

Step To Happiness

It is true that self-preservation is the first law of nature, but it is not a law of spiritual growth. He who lets selfishness and his passions rule him binds his soul in slavery, but he who, in the majesty of spiritual strength, uses his physical tendencies and yearnings and his possessions to serve purposes higher than personal indulgence and comfort takes the first step toward the happy and useful life.

Counsel Together

Truly, the time has come, as perhaps never before, when men should counsel together and in wisdom determine how the world may be made a better place in which to live.

Bind On My Sandals

By Jeff Holland

★ A friend of ours tells the story of his not-so-glorious career as a centre-half in his school soccer team. Although he made the team, the truth was soon evident, and midseason found him as a reserve. By season's end, he had given up. During the final game he pulled off his boots, wrapped himself in a blanket, and settled down to watch his team-mates perform.

Then it came.

"Hey you, you! Get out there and play. Set up the attack!"

The sound startled him. What should he do? His first impulse was to say "Wait a minute, coach, while I put on my boots." The next two possibilities were either to pretend he didn't hear or to lapse into a coma. He did the only manly thing. Stripping off his track suit he ran on field, his stocking-ed feet conspicuously evident. Amidst unbelieving team-mates he directed an attacking move. But the shock of his first game was a little disconcerting, and as he received the back pass from the inside-right it dawned on him that he had forgotten which play he called. As his forwards moved up-field to the right, he nimbly went left and met the world of opposition head on and was swallowed up in the snarl of opposing half backs and backs and was effectively stopped.

Though the story goes on to something of a happy ending, my friend takes the occasion to teach what has become a great lesson to me. He said, "No one expected me to score, or even to play a good game. Even running the wrong way was understandable But there was no excuse for a centre-half without his boots!"

In one of the revelations contained in the Doctrine and Covenants, Oliver Cowdery was told that he was to be granted the gift of translation. (D&C 6:25.)

But there, in a far more serious contest, was another player without his shoes. He wasn't as ready as he had once been. His belief in himself and his cause had faltered, and though he cried, "Wait while I get ready!" he learned that eternal work can seldom wait. To Oliver the Lord had to reply, "Because you did not continue as you commenced . . . I have taken away this privilege . . . You feared, and the time is past, and it is not expedient now." (See D&C 9:5, 11.) The opportunity of a lifetime had not been seized during the lifetime of the opportunity and it was gone forever.

Young people of the Church, there is a great growth ahead for you. There is permanent, peaceful joy to be felt. Be faithful. Be ready. Believe in the battle, and be willing to serve. To all who will hear, the angel is saying what he said long ago to Peter: "Arise . . . bind on thy sandals . . . follow me." (See Acts 12:7, 8.)

President Smith

Revelation Brought Forth Truths On Resurrection

By President Joseph Fielding Smith
of the First Presidency

★ In the 27th chapter of 3rd Nephi verses 19 and 20 is the word of our Redeemer to the Nephites as He taught them after his resurrection. It is as follows:

"And no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom; therefore nothing entereth into his rest save it be those who have washed their garments in my blood, because of their faith, and the repentance of all their sins, and their faithfulness unto the end.

"Now this is the commandment: Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptised in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day."

The other passage is in the 10th verse of chapter 41 in the book of Alma and is as follows:

"Do not suppose, because it has been spoken concerning restoration. that ye shall be restored from sin to happiness. Behold, I say unto you, wickendless never was happiness."



President Joseph Fielding Smith

Good Guide

These two passages I have tried to follow all the days of my life, and I have felt to thank the Lord for this counsel and guidance, and I have endeavored to stamp these sayings on the minds of many others. What a wonderful guide these teachings can be to us if we can get them firmly fixed in our minds! These thoughts are of course not peculiar to the Book of Mormon. They are fundemental teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and have been expressed many times by the prophets of old and our Redeemer when they were upon the earth. It is a fact beyond successful dispute that no unclean thing can inherit the kingdom of God and obtain what is known as eternal life. This is to say that the Redeemer of this world, through the great sacrifice which He made, opened the graves and restored all mortal things, both mankind, fowls of the air, fishes

of the sea, and every creature that partook of death through the "fall" of Adam. In the 5th chapter of John, verses 28 and 29, we have the definite statement of our Redeemer proclaiming this truth as follows:

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.

"And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

May I quote some other passages of scripture from the revelations that have come to us by divine decree in this dispensation. This is from the Doctrine and Covenants, section 29, verses 22 to 25:

"And again verily, verily, I say unto you that when the thousand years are ended, and men again begin to deny their God, then will I spare the earth but for a little season;

"And the end shall come, and the heaven and the earth shall be consumed and pass away, and there shall be a new heaven and a new earth.

"For all old things shall pass away, and all things shall become new, even the heaven and the earth, and all the fulness thereof, both men and beasts, the fowls of the air and the fishes of the sea;

"And not one hair, neither mote, shall be lost, for it is the workmanship of mine hand."

Answer Revealed

Again the Lord spoke to the Prophet Joseph Smith in a revelation in answer to the question:

"Q. What are we to understand by the four beasts, spoken of in the same verse? (See Rev. 4:6.)

"A. They are figurative expressions, used by the Revelator, John in describing heaven the paradise of God, the happinesss of man, and of beasts, and of creeping things, and of the fowls of the air; that which is spiritual being in the likeness of that which is temporal; and that which is temporal in the likeness of that which is spiritual; the spirit of man in the likeness of his person, as also the spirit of the beast, and every other creature which God has created." (D&C 77:2.)

There is a strange doctrine in the world concerning the resurrection even among those who believe there will be a reuniting of the spirit and body, which is to the effect that only the righteous will come forth to receive rewards of exaltation. This, however, is a misunderstanding. Through the atonement wrought by the Son of God, our Saviour, the resurrection is a complete restoration of all things mortal, even of this earth itself on which we stand. The earth is to be purified and become the abode of the righteous. Peter understood this doctrine and in his second epistle made the following statement:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

"Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3:10-13.)

The Same Earth

Let us not misunderstand this expression. The new heaven and new earth will be the same heaven and the same earth on which we now sojourn, for this earth is to receive the resurrection after this day of mortality and be the abode of the righteous in eternity. Without the revelations of the Lord given to men, this truth would not be made known. Neither would we have knowledge of the final glory to which this earth will be assigned. Even now, where men are without divine guidance and revelation this truth is unknown.

I am very grateful to my Father in heaven for the privilege that has been granted to me to come into this world in this dispensation when once again the fulness of the gospel has been revealed. I have been grateful and have thanked the Lord many times for the privilege which came to me to live in the present dispensation and that I was not born two or three hundred years ago during the great period when the fulness of the Gospel was not had among men and they were running, as the scriptures say, "to and fro" seeking for the truth which could not be found because of the deep spiritual darkness which covered the entire earth. This condition was not the fault of the Lord but the fault of mankind, for they had been offered the fulness of the Gospel, but in course of time they refused to have it, and their teachers turned away and caused to enter into the Church false doctrines and false ordinances and, worse than all, a false conception in relation to God our Eternal Father and his Son Jesus Christ.

Confusion Reigned

It was a day when there was not one left in mortality with the divine power to officiate in the vital and saving ordinances of the Gospel—a day when false teachings, false ordinances, and false instructors came upon the scene. This condition left the entire Christian world in a state of confusion, without divine inspiration, so that the notion prevailed universally that the heavens were closed. Contact with the Father and his Beloved Son had ceased, and the angels for a long, long past had ceased to visit mortal man on the face of the earth. Under such conditions it was a natural thought encouraged by clergy that our Eternal Father had ceased to commune with his children on the earth. Moreover, the false notion became prevalent that mortal man was left with the teachings of the Bible and that it contained all of the revelation that mankind needed to insure his salvation in the kingdom of God. Under such conditions and practice no doubt Satan rejoiced; false teachings arose, and the people, no matter how devout they were, found themselves in spiritual darkness. Moreover, for a long time the edict went forth that mortal men who had not been prepared for the clergy should not seek for knowledge or search the scriptures, for this was the sole responsibility of the clergy. Therefore I am exceedingly grateful for the Prophet Joseph Smith and the coming of the Father and the Son to him and their directing him in the course he should take. Moreover, I am thankful that the time came for the restoration of divine truth and the power of the Holy Priesthood so that the inhabitants of the world could find the path to eternal life, and the ordinances of the Holy Priesthood could again be exercised in behalf of the salvation of all mankind.

Bear Testimony To Neighbours Is Duty Of All Members

By President Alvin R. Dyer
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President Alvin R. Dyer

★ Every Latter-day Saint desires to be a missionary. I think that this is in the heart of almost every member; but why is it that we are so afraid to bear our testimonies to our neighbours? I think it was the Apostle Paul who said:

"For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"
(1 Cor. 9:16.)

Then another great prophet of Israel said this: "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

"When I say unto the wicked . . . thou shalt surely die; and if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand.

"Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." (Ezek. 33:7-9.)
I have often said to the Latter-day Saints, "If you cannot be a missionary, then at least be a Latter-day Saint, that you will not stand in the way by your manner of living, of those who will want to come into the Church."

There are many wonderful things going on in Europe. Under the inspiration of the Lord we have called translators in the various countries. I wish I could relate the story of each one, like Sister Charrier down in a little village in France. She heard the Gospel, accepted it. We learned that she had a class of pupils whom she was teaching English.

Her preparations have enabled her to help us with the translations into the French language. And she now is working diligently.

I also remember Immo Luschin Ebengreuth of Graz, Austria, a man who heard the Gospel message from two missionaries, and said to them before they got into a lengthy discussion on the Gospel, "I would ask you only five questions before you go further." He was a confirmed member of the Catholic Church, and these are his questions:

"1. Does this Church believe in marriage for all eternity?

"2. Does this Church believe in the punishment for infants who are not baptised?

"3. Do, in this Church the rich and the poor have equal opportunity?

"4. In this Church, do you baptise by immersion for the remission of sin?

"5. In this Church do you lay on hands for receiving of the Holy Ghost?"

This man had never met the missionaries before, and we inquired as to where he got such questions. His answer was, "We have not been satisfied with our faith. My wife and I determined that through prayer and the desire to know that we would find out the true Church." The missionaries said, "Why these are our teachings," and thus Brother Ebengreuth was baptized with his wife. This brother is a skilled interpreter. He speaks English, I am confident, better than I do, and he can become a translator for the Church of the German language.

This has been how the Lord has opened the way for us.



Elder Spencer W. Kimball

"To Obey Is Better Than Sacrifice . . ."

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★ " . . . to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of ram." (1 Sam. 15:22.)

So said the Prophet Samuel to the disobedient King Saul who lost his kingdom because of rebellion. The prophet warned Saul that he should discomfit his enemies but that he should not retain the spoils of war. But bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen revealed that Saul and his people had disobeyed the simple command of the Lord. Samuel chastised:

"Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord?

". . . rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubborness is as iniquity and idolatry." (Ibid., 15:22-23.)

Saul asked forgiveness, but the prophet replied:

". . . thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel." (Ibid., 15:26)

In his arrogant and haughty state he took things in his own hands wholly disregarding the commandments of the Lord.

Samuel scolded:

"When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?

"Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the Lord? (Ibid., 15:17, 19.)

Many Like Saul

Saul rationalized. It was easy for him to obey as to the disposition of the kings, for what use were conquered kings? But why not keep the fat sheep and cattle? Was not his royal judgment superior to that of lowly Samuel? Who was Samuel that his words should be obeyed implicitly, and who would know anyway?

How like Saul are many in Israel today. One will live some of the Lord's revelation on health except that he must have his occasional cup of coffee; she will not use tobacco nor liquor for which she has no yearning anyway but must have the comforting cup of tea.

He will serve in a Church position, for here is activity which he likes and honour which he craves, or contribute to a chapel where his donation will be known, but rationalization is easy as to tithepaying which he finds so difficult. He cannot afford it—sickness or death has laid a heavy hand—he is not sure it is always distributed as he would have it done, and who knows any of his failure?

Another will attend some meetings but Saul-like rationalize as to the rest of the day. Why should he not see a ball game, a show, do his necessary yard work, or carry on business as usual?

Difficult Requirement

Another would religiously attend his outward Church duties but resist any suggestions as to family frictions in his home life or family prayers when the family is so hard to assemble?

Saul was like that. He could do the expedient things but could find alibis as to the things which countered his own desires.

To obey! To hearken! What a difficult requirement! Often we hear: "Nobody can tell me what clothes to wear, what I shall eat or drink. No one can outline my Sabbaths, appropriate my earnings, nor in any way limit my personal freedoms! I do as I please! I give no blind obedience!"

Blind obedience! How little they understand! The Lord said through Joseph Smith:

"Whatever God requires is right, no matter what it is, although we may not see the reason thereof until long after the events transpire. (Scrapbook of Mormon Literature vol.2, p. 173.)

Faithful Obedience

When men obey commands of a creator, it is not blind obedience. How different is the cowering of a subject to his totalitarian monarch and the dignified, willing obedience one gives to his

God. The dictator is ambitious, selfish, and has ulterior motives. God's every command is righteous, every directive purposeful, and all for the good of the governed. The first may be blind obedience but the latter is certainly faithful obedience.

It was not blind faith when the patriarch Noah built an ark some forty-two centuries ago or when the prophet Nephi built a boat about twenty-five centuries ago. Each was commanded by the Lord to construct a seaworthy vessel. An unprecedented total flood was to envelop the earth in the one case and the greatest ocean to be crossed by the other. No experience of either builder could give guidance in these new adventures—no previous flood or ocean crossing had ever come in the life of either—there was nothing on which to base construction except directions from the Lord. Here was no blind obedience. Each knew the goodness of God and that he had purpose in his strange commands And so each with eyes wide open, with absolute freedom of choice, built by faith. Noah's family was saved from physical drowning and spiritual decadence, and Nephi's people were saved likewise .

The Promise

No swords nor bayonets, no famine nor pestilence drove the Lehites from the lush shores of Bountiful, but seeing obedience led them across uncharted oceans. The Lord had promised:

". . . inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments, ye shall prosper, and shall be led to . . . a land which is choice above all other lands." (Nephi 2:20.)

And with compliance born of faith and confidence, the vessel was finished, loaded, and launched.

There was no compulsion in Noah's movements—no blind obedience. It was not raining when the man of God made the craft which was to save his family. After its completion, a full week of dry weather preceded the storm. Here was obedience born in testimony of the power, sureness, justice of God. And Noah's trust was justified, and a race was perpetuated.

When men speak of all faith and all obedience as blind, are they not covering their own weaknesses? Are they not seeking an alibi to justify their own failure to hearken?

Justification

A man obeys strictly the income tax law and pays fully and before due date his property taxes but justifies himself in disregarding the law of the Sabbath or the payment of tithes on on time, if at all. In the one case he may suffer only deprivation of freedom or resources or lose his home or personal property, but in the other he opens doors to the loss of a soul. The spiritual as truly brings penalties as the temporal, the principal difference is the swiftness of punishment, the Lord being so long-suffering.

One would hardly call the first blind obedience, yet he sometimes regards the spiritual commands as such.

Is it blind obedience when the air traveler fastens his seat belt as that sign flashes or is it confidence in the experience and wisdom of those who know more of hazards and dangers?

Is it blind obedience when the little child gleefully jumps from the table into the strong arms of its smiling father, or is this implicit trust in a loving parent who feels sure of his catch and who loves the child better than life itself?

Is it blind obedience when the pilot guides his ship between the buoys which mark the reefs and thus keeps his vessel in deep water or is it con-

fidence in the integrity of those who have set up protective devices?

Blind Obedience

Is it then blind obedience when we, with our limited vision, elementary knowledge, selfish desires, ulterior motives, and carnal urges, accept and follow the guidance and obey the commands of our loving Father who begot us, created a world for us, loves us, and has planned a constructive programme for us, wholly without ulterior motive, whose greatest joy and glory is to "bring to pass the immortality and eternal life" of all his children?

Blind obedience it might be when no agency exists, when there is re-agency is free. gimentation, but in all of the commands of the Lord given through his servants, there is total agency free of compulsion. Some remonstrate that agency is lacking where penalties are imposed and condemnations threatened—to be damned for rejecting the Gospel seems harsh to some and to take away free agency. This is not true, for the decision is ours—we may accept or reject, comply or ignore.

In all of our life activities it is the same—we may attend college or stay away from the campus; we may apply ourselves to our studies or waste our time; we may fulfil all requirements or ignore them. The decision is ours; the

Baptism

By Sister Wilson Dumfries Branch, Scottish Mission

I stood on the steps fearing yet to descend,
Believing, yet fearing the water so clear,
But there was no need for fear, You were near
Faith overcame fear so I embraced that water so clear.

A few moments then the deed was done
Baptised as was Jesus the Son.
My sins washed away so I start anew
Only good things must I do,
The Lord's commandments I will keep,
And His blessing I will reap.

I emerged from the water, and what did I hear?
The thanks of those saints that stood near,
Because I opened my heart and embraced Thee.

True Happiness Comes From Following Commandments

By Elder Mark E. Petersen
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★ One of the foundation stones of success in the home is companionship in the home, and that companionship must begin with husband and wife.

The Lord had something to say about companionship in the home. He gave a great commandment in section 42 of the Doctrine and Covenants, verse 22, and this is what he said:

"Thou shalt love thy wife with all thy heart, and shalt cleave unto her and none else."

I believe, Sisters, that that commandment is just as applicable to you, and that you could receive it as though it said: "Thou shalt love thy husband with all thy heart, and shalt cleave unto him and none else." And when the Lord commands that husband and wife love each other with all their hearts, it means that it shall be a wholehearted love. and that there shall be no holding back and no reservations. Then the second part of that command, to "cleave unto her," I believe means that we shall be good companions one to the other. I believe that when the Lord says that we shall cleave unto husband and wife, that He means that we shall be enjoyable, desirable, happy, loving companions one with the other.

Then there is that very potent last portions, "and none else," which rules out all types of competition. Any married man who pays attention to any woman other than his wife, to that extent is in rebellion against Almighty God, and any woman who is married and receives attention from any other man is flying in the face of Providence and violating the law of heaven.

What Is The Answer?

Now, if you have broken this law, what is the answer? What is the answer to any broken law: If you break the law of the Sabbath, is the answer further violation? If you break the law of chastity, is the answer further violation? There is only one answer to a broken law, and that is repentance, and if you have broken the law which says, "Thou shalt love thy wife with all thy heart, and shalt cleave unto her and none else" is the answer divorce, or is it repentance with a broken heart and a contrite spirit?

There is another type of companionship between parents and children. I am sure that many of you parents do not realize the gravity of the tempations which face your young people. There

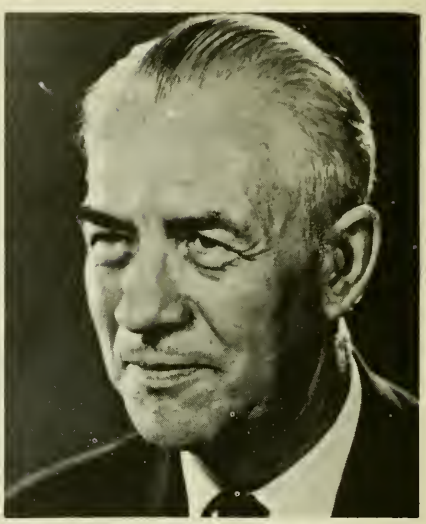
are sins in which your young people become involved that many of you parents do not even dream about, but they are terrible things which will drag them down into the depths of hell if they yield to them, and will break your hearts, as parents. Companionship between parents and children will provide a fortification against those temptations and may save them.

You fathers, are you willing to be companions to your sons? Oh, they need you, and they plead for you. Would each father be willing to spend one hour a day with his son if he knew that the boy's very salvation depended upon it? Oh, I know that some of you will say that business is too demanding and you cannot spare the time from your job and your other exacting assignments, but I would like to tell you that there is not a job in the world as important to you as your son.

If you are so busy that you cannot be a companion to your son so that you can help to save his soul, you are too busy and need to readjust. If you will be a companion to him, and if you will keep the standards of the Church, and in that companionship teach those standards to your son, as that boy watches you observe those high principles, he will have respect both for you and those principles and will be converted to them, and thereby you will place him on the high road to salvation.

Teach By Companionship

You mothers, teach your daughters by means of companionship also. A couple of weeks ago when I was coming home on the train, there was in the same car with me a young mother and her two little girls It was a long ride, and these little girls were tired and peevish. This mother was one of those strict disciplinarians who apparently knew nothing but discipline. I am



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sure that with that stern face, if she had ever smiled it would have cracked her face all over, she was so rigid and so stern. She gave those children a very bad time, and they gave her a bad time, and a bad time was had by all.

Then, as I went into the next car on my way to the diner, I noticed another mother and her two little girls. There was none of the atmosphere of what I have just described to you. There was happiness and laughter and joy because on the same train and over the same long journey this second mother was playing with her little daughters. She was a playmate, a pal, to them. I noticed that in the midst of the game one of the little girls came up and hugged her mother, and said, "Mother, I love you so much." Then she went back to play her game again.

I thought, what a pattern for all mothers. If mothers would just be companionship, they will love you; they will honour you; they will seek your advice. Even when they have grown up, you

will see that from time to time in the midst of their worries, they will come to you and put their arms about you and say, "Mother, I love you."

Love at home comes through proper companionship. Husband and wife may be kept together through it. Mother and father can save their sons and their daughters by proper companionship.

True Worship Requires More Than External Forms

By Bishop John H. Vandenberg

★ "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: . . ." (Prov. 14:14) is a proverb credited to the ancient King Solomon, who the Bible records was ". . . wiser than all men; . . ." (1 Kings 4:31.) It is assumed that Solomon in this proverb referred to those who had retrogressed in their allegiance to God by failing to give heed to his counsel. Frequently God has sent His prophets to counsel his children in an attempt to arrest them from their wrongdoing, their backsliding, and to point the way to happiness and salvation. The task of persuading man from his carnal ways has always been an arduous struggle, as evidenced by history. The inhabitants of the earth seem eager to be filled with their own ways. Because of this the prophets have, from time to time, suffered much tribulation.

Jeremiah was such a prophet. In his day he faced almost continuous opposition and insult as he tried to stem the tide of idolatry and immorality among the people. During his lifetime he tried to teach the multitude that true worship of Jehovah required more than devotion to external forms of worship. His message was: One must live and dedicate oneself to keeping all of God's commandments. At last, many, too blind to see that they were heading for destruction and captivity and no longer of a mind to listen to Jeremiah, were the cause of his being stoned to death. His tragic death, however, did not nullify or stay his decreed counsel, for soon the people passed through all of the adversity that he foretold would transpire if they did not repent of their evil ways.

Follow Counsel

The determination to follow good counsel, to obey divine law, is paramount for true success and happiness in life. In the era in which we live, as anciently, the Lord has sent us His prophets and as reaffirmed the need to adhere to His precepts. The Prophet Joseph Smith, on April 2, 1843, said, "There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated.

"And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." (D&C 130:20-21.) Paralleling this revealed truth is the admonition:

". . . let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.

"He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty . . . shows himself not approved. . . " (Ibid., 107:99-100.)

It seems that one of the great weaknesses in man's character is the tendency to shun good counsel and instruction. Men do, in fact, set up barriers for themselves, for they seem to want to become laws unto themselves. Jacob understood this when he warned, ". . . O the vainness, and the frailties, and the foolishness of men! When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the counsel of God, for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves, wherefore,

their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not . . .

"But to be learned is good if they hearken unto the counsels of God." (2 Nephi 9:28-29.)

Adam Set Example

Father Adam set us a splendid example of following counsel. After Adam and Eve were driven out from the Garden of Eden, the Lord ". . . gave unto them commandments, that they should worship the Lord their God, and should offer the firstlings of their flocks, for an offering unto the Lord. And Adam was obedient unto the commandments of the Lord.

"And then the angel spake, saying: Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him: I know not, save the Lord commanded me.

"And then the angel spake, saying: This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, which is full of grace and truth." (Moses 5:5-7.)

Our attitude should be one of submissiveness to all of God's commandments. We need not indulge in self-sophisticated reasoning to justify our compliance with God's counsel. Our motivation should be based upon a desire to serve.

I believe that God wants His children to be happy and has charted the course through prophets for its attainment. I believe that true happiness will only come in this life by following His counsel. As someone has said, "Doing the will of God leaves no time for disputing about His plan."



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Dorcas

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(A Prize Winning Short Story)

★ Dorcas lay in the dust where the angry mob had thrown her and shivered with fear. Through her tangled mass of dark hair she could see the feet of the man who stood before her. They were brown feet laced in leather sandals, stained and dusty from the Jerusalem streets. She waited with abated breath to hear his answer to her accusers, then he had bent and written something in the dust.

"He who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her," was his answer.

Dorcas threw her arms about her head as if to protect herself against the shower of stones that were to come. The stones did not fall, instead she heard the sound of the retreating feet of her accusers, as one by one they slunk shamefacedly away.

Dorcas rose shakily to her feet conscious of her dusty, torn, robe and disheveled hair. She brushed her hands nervously down her robe and looked at the man who stood before her.

His face was gentle but stern and his eyes sad as he questioned, "Woman where are your accusers? Has no man condemned you?"

"No, no man, Lord," she stuttered.

She stood there silently awaiting his condemnation, she felt she deserved it, for she now knew who this man was. He was called Jesus of Nazareth and was said by some to be a prophet and a worker of great miracles. As Dorcas' tearful eyes met His, she felt as if He were looking into her very soul.

"Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more," He said.

Words Remain

Go and sin no more, these words rang in Dorcas head as she turned from Jesus and began to walk away. Tears began to burn her cheeks, she now knew what she had to do to leave the degrading life that had crippled her spirit for so many years. His words had been the message for her to start life anew.

Dorcas began to run through the

streets, tears blurring her vision so that she bumped into things and people, but she did not hear the peoples grumpy exclamations. Only His words remained in her head.

Dorcus had been a rebellious child and her father's strict dicipline had made her even more rebellious. Finally her father In spite of her gentle mother's entreaties had turned Dorcas from their home, saying that she had disgraced her family and dishonoured their good name. Full of spite Dorcas had left home without reluctance and had taken up with bad companions and lived a life that she knew would hurt her parents. However the hurt and spite were hers alone to bear, her parents were both dead now, and there could be no reconciliation with them.

Dorcas had now reached the street of ill-repute where she lodged. Theives, pick-pockets, con-men, women of easy virtue, these had been her neighbours and companions for so long. She must have courage to start a new life and leave thls evil place and go, but where was she to go?

She Must Leave

Entering her so-called benefactors house, Dorcas went wearily over to the corner which was her only place of refuge. Here hung her clothes on a peg on the wall, her rolled up bed and a chest that had been left to her at her mother's death, which a kind and sympathetic friend had brought to her. The air in the room was warm and heavy with the sickly aroma of perfume.

"I must get out, I must," Dorcas thought desperately.

She went over to a pitcher of water and bathed her face and arms. She brushed out her long dark hair and went over to the chest and llfted it's lid. Inside was the blue linen robe and veil that had been her mother's. Her tears fell afresh as she lifted them out. Discarding the flimsy, torn and dirty robe and the bangles from her arms, Dorcas dressed herself in the blue robe and covered her head with the veil.

"I'm going to begin a new life, mother," she whispered.

Folding up some more clothes from out of the chest, Dorcas tied them into a cloth together with some dates and bread, to stay her hunger. Picking up her bundle Dorcas hastened from the house. No sooner she was out of the house, than an arm grabbed at her, and a drunken voice called her name. Dorcas shook herself free.

"I'm leaving," she said, "I'm starting a new life."

"A new life!" laughed the voice, "where will you go. Who'd take you in, a fallen woman. Dorcas you'll be back!"

The drunken laugh followed her down the street and from out of several doorways came the sllken tones of Dorcas' women friends.

"Dorcas, stay and take wine with us."

"Dorcas, where are you going?"

"Dorcas, can I come with you?"

Dorcas disregarded their invitation and questions, she did not stop to explain for she knew that like her drunken friend, they too would laugh at her and tell her she would soon be back.

Where To Go?

It was the truth however, she did not know where she was going. There was no one she knew who having heard her story would want to associate with her, let alone take her into their homes. Remembering the words of Jesus she took new heart and trusted that somewhere she would find succour and comfort. Balancing her bundle on her shoulder she strode through the crowded streets and finally out through the wide city gates of Jerusalem.

Dorcas had journeyed some distance from Jerusalem, she was tired, thirsty and hungry, the bread and dates had long since been consumed. Her feet were sore and bleeding, her thin sandals were inadequate for the rough country roads, the stones had cut right through the soles. Her spirits were low and she felt afraid for soon it would be nightfall.

Ahead of her a village came in sight she walked towards it wearily. Did she dare approach someone's house and beg for food in return for work? Then Dorcas found herself standing beside the rough wall of the village well. She sat down on one of the flat stones beside the well, she would rest her feet first. Inviting though the cool water seemed, Dorcas was weary unto her very soul, where could she go? What would become to her? Her head dropped forward and she felt like weeping in despair.

A thin wail-like sound reached her ears, she looked up and saw a woman approaching the well. A water pitcher on her shoulder and on her back she carried a fretful baby. As the woman drew nearer to Dorcas the baby's crying became louder. Dorcas heard herself saying, "Let me tend the baby whilst you draw water."

A Stranger

The woman stopped and looked closely at Dorcas.

"O dear, she knows I'm a stranger, and she's suspicious of me," thought Dorcas.

The baby's wails increased and in one desperate harassed action, the woman took him from her back and laid him gently in Dorcas' lap. As she did so Dorcas caught a glimpes of the woman's face. It was a young face, but lines of pain and weariness distorted its youthfulness. She turned from Dorcas and descended the steps of the well.

Dorcas crooned to the wailing baby and gently rocked him. His wailing ceased and he began to gurgle with pleasure. He looked up into Dorcas' face, his brown eyes large and innocent, his little mouth creasing into a wide smile. She caught her breath and the tears began to flow down her cheeks.

"I'm grateful to you, the baby's been so difficult all day. However did you stop him crying? You must have a way with babies."

The woman was back, her pitcher full she set it down by the steps. She was full of appreciation and showered her thanks upon Dorcas. As she bent to take the baby, she noticed Dorcas' tired, tear-stained face.

"You're a stranger here, are'nt you? Have you far to go?" she asked.

"I've journeyed from Jerusalem," replied Dorcas, "and I have nowhere to go."

Full of Sympathy

The woman was full of sympathy and Dorcas learnt that her name was Miriam, that she had recently been widowed and she lived with her sick mother-in-law Deborah and her baby son Joseph. She also told Dorcas that she would be welcome to stay with them awhile if she wanted to.

Dorcas' heart warmed to Miriam's kindness, but she said.

"You will not want me in your home when I tell you who I am and what I was."

"All I know is that you are tired and hungry and need food and somewhere to lay your head. That you'vd soothed and comforted little Joseph and I must do something for you in return. We aren't very rich, but all we have you are welcome to share," replied Miriam.

"But, but, you don't know me, you don't know my story." cried Dorcas.

"You can tell me your story on the way home, what is your name?" asked Miriam.

"Dorcas."

"Come, Dorcas, help me put baby Joseph on my back and then home for all of us."

Dorcas gently put baby Joseph in the sling on his mother's back and helped Miriam put the full pitcher of water on her shoulder. Then grabbing her bundle she followed on after Miriam. Miriam listened intently to Dorcas' story, all the time Dorcas was watching her face for some change to come over it. Waiting for the angry words "be gone." But Miriam's face never changed and only words of sympathy were uttered. When Jesus of Nazareth was mentioned Miriam's eyes lit up and then filled with tears as Dorcas related what He had said.

"Here is our house," said Miriam, and lead Dorcas into the courtyard of a small farm.

The Guest

When they entered the house, Dorcas saw that in one corner near the cooking fire was a couch, and in the dim light of a small oil lamp she could see an old woman lying there. The old woman sat up stiffly as they entered.

"Mother, we have a guest," said Miriam.

"No, not a guest," said Dorcas quickly, "I've come to do my share. I'll help you all I can because you've been kind enough to take me under your roof."

Old Deborah stared at her daughter-in-law and the stranger in surprise.

"Don't worry, Mother," laughed Miriam, "we'll tell you all about it at supper."

Dorcas was accepted into Miriam and Deborah's home. She was as good as her word, she ground corn and learned how to make the flour into small round loaves. She milked the goats, and tended the small field of crops, looked after baby Joseph and nursed the old woman. The lines of strain began to disappear from Miriam's face and Dorcas learned what it was like to be loved and needed.

However old Deborah's sickness became worse, she no longer could sit up and she was constantly in pain. No matter how lovingly Dorcas and Miriam nursed her the old woman grew weaker. One morning Dorcas found Miriam in tears, she was afraid her Mother-in-law was going to die. Dorcas tried to comfort her.

"You must have courage Miriam. I know it's terrible to see Deborah in so much pain, but we must have hope," Dorcas said.

"There is only one hope," said Miriam, "and I've been waiting for it to happen."

"What?" asked Dorcas.

"Jesus of Nazareth, if only he would come to our village. He has helped many sick people who have had the faith to be healed," Miriam replied.

"I will go to Jerusalem and find him," cried Dorcas, "I will beg him to come and heal Doborah."

The next day Dorcas had to journey to the market to sell their farm produce. Once all the good things were sold, she planned to go on to Jerusalem and find Jesus. Dressed in her brown robe and heavy leather sandals she felt quite the country woman as she walked keeping pace with the steady trotting of the donkey. Only the day before she had noticed her reflection in the water of the well. Her face had filled out,

her cheeks were red and her dark eyes sparkled. "I look wholesome," she'd thought, "if only I felt wholesome inside."

As she neared the town everyone seemed to be in a state of excitement. She did not find out why until after all the farm produce had been sold. Then she asked her neighbour, a fisherman selling his fish.

"Why," he said, "haven't you heard the good news, Jesus the Nazarene is coming here."

"When?" asked Dorcas, her heart had began to beat a wild tattoo in her breast.

"Tomorrow," said the fisherman.

"Where?"

"Outside the town boundaries on that little mount, "he answered.

Jesus Speaks

Dorcas could not get home fast enough, mounted on the donkey's back her heels urgeing him to trot faster. Miriam was delighted with Dorcas' news, but the problem was, how were they ever going to get Deborah there, to that little green mount several miles away. Dorcas had an idea, they would go to Jonas the carpenter and ask him to make them a stretcher on which they could carry Deborah. Jonas was very helpful and would not take any payment for his handiwork.

Next morning very early after they had broken their fast, they gently lifted Deborah onto her stretcher and with little Joseph slung on her back Miriam, took her end of the stretcher and Dorcas took hers.

The journey was painfully slow and carrying their precious burden the two women found it harder to walk over the rough ground. The sun rose high in the sky and perspiration dripped from their brows, the old woman seemed to grow heavier and heavier. Old Deborah pleaded with them to stop and rest, but they would not. They had now reached the outskirts of the town, the little green mount rising up above them.

An amazing sight met their eyes, converging from all directions was a great multitude of people. Many were sick some were lame and on crutches, some were blind and some were being carried on the backs of friends and some were on stretchers like Deborah. Above them all high on the mount stood the white-robed figure of a man, several of his faithful followers, disciples and apostles standing with him. The people hurried forward to get closer to hear Him and to make sure their sick had a good place, Dorcas and Miriam were right on the edges of the multitude.

"We won't be close enough for Him to see us," cried Miriam.

Jonas Speaks

They had set down the stretcher on the rough grass, Dorcas wiped her brow,

"Hush Miriam, He is going to speak. Don't worry we will take Deborah to Him."

Jesus began to speak and never in her life before had Dorcas heard such words. Her eyes lit up with great light and her spirit burned within her, He finished speaking and stretched out His arms.

"Bring forth your sick," He said.

The blind and the lame and the sick pressed forward, but the crowd was so thick they could not bring Deborah any where near Jesus. The old woman lay silent and patient and Miriam stood by, tears streaming down her cheeks.

"Take heart, my dear," comforted Dorcas.

"But soon it will be dark. Look many are leaving."

Crowds were now descending the mount some throwing their crutches away as they came down, singing and praising God.

"Look here is a space, let's carry her through," Dorcas cried.

They grabbed the handles of the stretcher and walked up slowly towards Jesus who was still standing on the mount. Their breath laboured in their chests, but still they climbed towards that white-robed figure. At last when they reached the top, everyone had gone down the mount leaving them alone with Jesus who was talking in low tones to His apostles.

Dorcas was out of breath and her chest felt sore and painful, In a gasping voice she cried, "Lord there is another here, who is sick and needs your mercy."

Sins Forgiven

Jesus turned and walked towards Miriam and Dorcas, the sick woman lay between them on her stretcher. He stretched out His hand and took hold of Deborah's thin one and said, "Woman arise from your bed, your sins are forgiven."

Deborah sat up shakily and still holding Jesus' hand she began to stand and stiffly stepped off the stretcher. He let go her hand and she walked slowly towards Him her face full of joy. She flung herself at His feet crying, "Praise be to God most high, who in His infinite mercy has healed His daughter."

She turned to Miriam and embraced her, they wept joyously. Dorcas walked towards Jesus and looked into His face,

"Thank you Lord," she said.

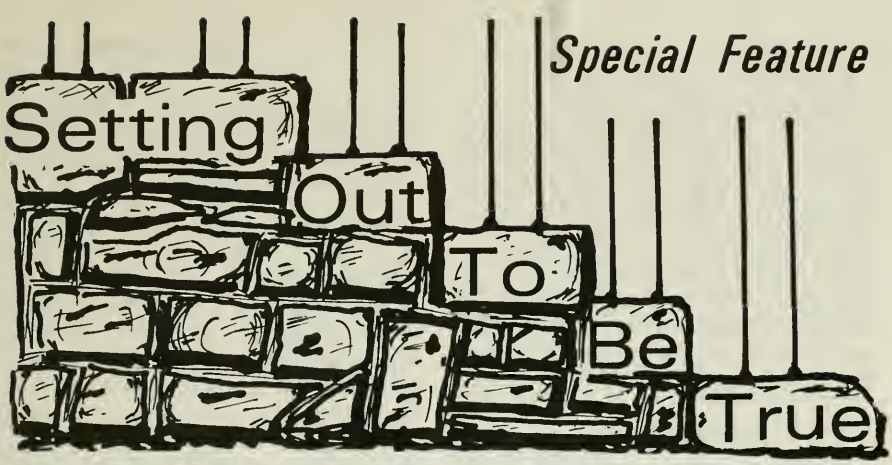
In His eyes there was recognition and again they seemed to search her very soul, was it her imagination or was there just the ghost of a smile about His lips.

In the quiet of that night kneeling by her bed, Dorcas prayed like she had never prayed before. Jesus had shown her the way to become wholesome inside as well as out. She had obeyed His words "go and sin no more," now there were other things for her to do.

Dorcas' name became blessed in the village, the sick knew her care the aged knew her comfort and to many young mothers she acted as midwife and cared for their babies. Children loved her and followed her about begging for stories.

Whenever the opportunity came Dorcas would take her leave and go and listen to Jesus' words. She was surely in that little group of women that stood a little way off from the cross; and watched with heavy heart whilst He died. Without a doubt she rejoiced with her fellow sisters in the glorious news of His resurrection.

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By Stephen R. Covey

Formerly President of the Irish Mission

★ While I was doing missionary work in Ireland, one simple, powerful lesson on testimony was brought home to me over and over again. One would come to know the truth to the degree he was true to the truth.

Learning of the divinity of Jesus Christ is unlike other kinds of learning. It is not primarily a matter of acquiring information, of logic and reasoning, of scriptural proof or historical evidences. Intellectualizing about it is a poor substitute for actually living as we must in order to get the kind of knowledge we seek. For the kind of learning that is required here is of a different order altogether.

Again, the principle of this learning is: We can know of the Lord not simply by setting out to find truth, but by setting out to be true. Only through moulding it into our lives is this truth found.

Where Lies the Responsibility?

The Father has promised to grant a witness of the divinity of His Son, through the Holy Ghost, to anyone who qualifies. The responsibility, then, is upon us to qualify. It is not the Lord who must make up His mind to communicate. It is we who must change and prepare ourselves to receive the communication He has promised.

Once we clearly understand that "my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8); that "the things of God knoweth no man, but by the spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:11); that "if any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17); then we begin to look within for the key to this learning. We ask, "How sincere am I? Do I really want to know? Am I willing to pay the price to do whatever is necessary in study, prayer. repentance, and service to qualify?"

Many discover that it is not Christ, nor the prophets who testify of Him, that they doubt. In their sincere introspection they cannot honestly lay the blame upon the Lord for their failure to receive a witness. What they really doubt is their own ability to make themselves worthy. They sense that the obstacle or weakness lies in them.

One investigator wrote. "I doubted whether I really could or even wanted to give up my smoking." Others acknowledge, in this crisis of self-honesty, that the problem is within themselves

—intellectual pride, perhaps, or sensuality, or materialistic desires, or hyprocrisy. They see they have failed to gain a testimony of Christ's divinity "because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world, and aspire to the honours of men, that do not learn this one lesson—that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness." (D&C 121:35,36.)

Personal Change

Many people do not like this principle because very often it implies some agonizing admissions about oneself, and it promises hard effort to bring about personal change. There is no way to shortcut these admissions and this effort. It is not a matter of merely acquiring information while remaining one's old self. The person himself must change if he is to be able to receive a witness of the divinity of Christ.

This principle threatened the proud hopes of the Jews at the Saviour's time; those who looked for a powerful political Messiah to take the responsibility of changing the world so they would not have to change. They thought eternal life was found in searching the scriptures; but Christ taught this "hard," inescapable doctrine—that even the scriptures point out, beyond mere words, the need to come to Him personally, to live in His way. The scriptures, Jesus said, "testify of me, And ye will come to me, that ye might have life." (John 5:39-40)

Our Conscience

We come to Christ on His terms. The Lord outlined these terms personally when He was on earth; and afterwards, through His prophets. Part of these instructions stipulate that just studying the scriptures is not enough; we must have living contact with the Spirit of Christ. The medium of this contact is one's own conscience.

How does a person counsel with his conscience? Right now you may honestly ask yourself, "What should I do to get closer to the Saviour?" Now listen. Meditate. Examine yourself. And again, listen. You will hear a voice speak to you; the still, small voice of conscience. You won't hear it in your ear. You will feel it within yourself—deep within yourself—in your heart and mind. It will tell you exactly what you must do to draw closer to the Lord. You will become aware of acts that call for repentance, someone to whom you should be kinder, someone whose forgiveness you must ask, some habit you must overcome, some virtue you must develop. What you hear or feel in our conscience is your personal formula for gaining a vital, living testimony of Jesus Christ.

We Do Not Listen!

The Lord may try to get through to us, while we harden our hearts against Him, as Nephi indicated Laman and Lemuel had done: "Ye have heard his voice from time to time . . . but ye were past feeling, that ye could not feel his words." (1 Nephi 17:45).

We then "go through the motions" of religious worship and service. Our prayers become one-way, mechanical and ritualistic, offered out of duty, not desire. "They draw near to me with their lips but their hearts are far from me." Little wonder many of us lose faith in prayer: we have no response, no two-way communication with the Lord. We do not listen.

We should try "listening in our prayers. When we ask for a particular blessing, let us quietly listen with our

hearts to understand the law on which that blessing, is predicated. (D&C 130: 20, 21) When we hear the answer in our hearts, let us carefully consider it and honestly examine ourselves to see if we are willing to obey that law. If so, let us answer back and commit our promise to the Lord that we will obey. If not, let us not ask for the blessing. If we are not willing to sincerely commit ourselves to qualify for a living testimony of Christ, we cannot expect to receive one.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

Few things will inspire self-honesty and humility more that a genuine, listening, two-way prayer. It brings us into living contact with the light and Spirit of Christ. In this attitude of perfect honesty, humility, reaching out, and dedication, we can literally have the Holy Ghost as our gulde and companion; and He will bestow upon us a witness of the divinity of Jesus Christ.

However intelligent and knowledgeable we may be unless we have a real and personal experience with the Spirit of God, we will know no more about Christ that the man blind from his birth knows about light and sight, however glib he may be in describing the anatomy of the eye or the properties of light.

This personal testimony is thus a living thing. It is neither borrowed from another nor from the remembrance of past spirituality.

It is rather a well of "living water" (John 4:10), arising from current and real experiences obtained through earnest prayer, study, repentance, covenant making, obedience, and service—al. achieved through the empowering principle that it be done "with real intent." (See Moroni 10: 4-5)

To know Christ is to strive constantly to be like Him, to partake of the divine nature. (2nd Peter 1: 3-8) Such a state of knowledge and being quallfies us for eternal life. (John 17:3)



Let's Talk About

By Dr. Lindsay R. Curtis, M.D

Does alcohol make a person think more clearly?

No. Because inhibitions are depressed, a person becomes more talkative. He then THINKS that he is performing better. He feels it has "loosened" his tongue, but his actual thinking processes and reasoning ability are dulled.

Does alcohol improve one's creative ability?

No. George Bernard Shaw answered this: "Alcohol knocks off the last inch of efficiency which in all really fine works makes the difference between first rate and second rate."

Does alcohol make a person a better athlete in competition?

No. Other things such as weight, physical condition, etc. being equal in two athletes, the difference between the winner and the loser is often the difference in their "reaction" time . . the time it takes to make a decision and respond with action. A batter has to judge the speed and position of the ball and respond accordingly . . . IN TIME TO HIT THE BALL! Such reaction time is slowed by alcohol. A "hangover" has lost many a contest.

Does alcohol improve digestion?

No. Alcohol actually increases the flow of acid, thus IRRITATING the lining of the stomach. For this reason, people who have stomach ulcers must abstain from drinking alcohol beverages.

Does alcohol improve eyesight?

No. Alcohol interferes with the coordination of the eye muscles and may cause double vision. It also interferes with the interpretation of the images received by the brain.

Is alcohol valuable as a sedative or analgesic (pain-killing) drug?

There are many more effective non-habit forming drugs that can be used.

How does alcohol harm the liver?

To the liver falls the task of disposing of the alcohol from the body. When it becomes overloaded, overworked and

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

"Truth is obeyed when it is loved. Strict obedience to the truth will alone enable people to dwell in the presence of the Almighty."

—Brigham Young

Your Health

finally exhausted, it shrivels up and develops "cirrhosis" or degeneration. It simply folds up and goes out of business. The drinker then dies because this organ is necessary to perform many other important functions of the body.

Is a "small amount" of alcohol good for the health?

No one has ever produced scientific evidence of benefits from the consumption of alcohol. A social drinker runs the risk of becoming a "chronic alcoholic", a disease that is one of the most difficult to cure.

Does alcohol cure snake bite?

No. Alcohol does nothing for a snake bite except to relieve some of the pain. It may be dangerous because it lulls the victim into a false sense of security, making him think that nothing further need be done. This is a time when one needs all of his faculties and reflexes in order to obtain treatment as soon as possible.

Does alcohol prevent or cure a cold?

No. Drinking alcohol makes one feel warmer and deadens the reflexes. However, it causes the pores to dilate and therefore makes the person more susceptible to chilling. Also, the drinker is less cautious and exposes himself more, causing more deaths from pneumonia among heavy drinkers.

Is alcohol valuable in the treatment of heart disease?

No, nitroglycerine is far more effective than alcohol in relieving the pain of angina pectoris. Alcohol has some sedative effect, but every little beneficial effect in dilating blood vessels which supply blood to the heart muscle.

Is alcohol really a medicine anyway?

No. Alcohol taken internally will not cure anything. The American Medical Association says, "use of alcohol as a tonic, a stimulant, or a food has not SCIENTIFIC BASIS. The AMA opposes its use as a beverage or as a therapeutic agent."

TO BE FREE

"If you desire to prosper and to be free men and women and free people, first meet your obligations to God, and then meet your obligations to your fellow men." —Joseph F. Smith

Interest Mounting For L. D. S. Student Convention-March 27-30

★ On January 11 a quorum of the executive committee for the Second National LDS Student Convention met in Sunderland, to report back on their assignments and plan for the minute by minute progress of the weekend. They discussed local press coverage; the booking of a band; selection of a site for the barbeque; as well as the liason with Stake MIA (William Hall and Ann Ingram) and Catering Committee (Constance Hill). They examined facilities at both Sunderland Stake Centre and the College of Education, all in preparation for the important March weekend.

The convention is to be held March 27-30, with a theme of 'Must We Compromise?" The opening Devotional Assembly will be taken by John Madsen (of the British Seminary District) and a sequence of activities will lead to the Sunday morning session, with Sunderland Stake Pres. Frederick W. Oates and Pres. George I. Cannon, Central British Mission president and Peter Joyce of the executive committee summing up on the theme. There will be speaker-centred discussions on the position of the LDS student in the community, before the Lord, and the avoidance of 'schizophrenia' in playing too defensive a role at college. A fringe panel will look at some of the problems arising from the various studies followed: the names of Darwin or De Sade might be dropped at random here, and panel and group will be considering issues for Mormons in the sciences and arts. Graduates on the panel include Cris Freeman (Royal School of Mines) and Gilbert McCabe (Christ Church, Oxford) as well those of more professional status such as Joseph Hamstead (London Stake president).

Another key activity will be a Morality Workshop under the direction of David Foote (Glasgow) in which, as with the others, the emphasis is not on definitive answers but on the techniques of handling situations.

A brochure describing the programme is available from Graham Stott (Jesus College, Oxford). It gives the full schedule of these activities and the more social ones of the barbeque, and ball. Those interested are invited to write for a copy.

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Valentine

★ Bake some Valentine cookies this month for your special Valentines. The children will delight in the heart shapes and gay icing. This recipe is rolled and can be cut into any shape. This is Valentine month, however, so use a commercial heart shape cookie cutter, if available, or cut your own heart pattern out of cardboard placing the pattern on the rolled dough and cutting around it.

- 4½ oz. shortening (use half butter)
- 5½ oz. sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 desert spoon milk or cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla essence
- 6 oz. sifted flour
- ¼ tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. salt

Mix thoroughly shortening, sugar and egg. Stir in milk or cream and vanilla essence. Sift togther and stir in flour, baking powder and salt. Chill dough and then roll it very thin on a slightly floured board. Cut with heart-shaped cutter. Brush lightly with a little beaten egg whites. Sprinkle with sugar that has been coloured red with food colouring and bake. Oven temperature should be 425° (hot oven) for 5 to 7 minutes. This recipe should yield about 5 dozen cookies.





Cookies

DOUBLE HEART COOKIES

★ Cut dough with two heart-shaped cutters one smaller than the other. Lay the smaller heart on top of the larger one and bake. When baked, ice the smaller cookie with pink icing. You can also ice both cookies and put white coconut on the larger one. This gives you a pink heart in the middle with lacy, white coconut around the edge.

VALENTINE GATEAU

★ Bake your favourite white layer sponge and cut in the shape of a heart. Ice with white icing and trim with 1 cup shredded coconut with minced candied cherries. Sprinkle over the top. Serve on a lace doily.

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★ Blend together 4 oz. butter and 12 oz. of sifted icing sugar. Add 1½ tbs. of cream and 1½ tsp. vanilla. Stir until smooth. Tint with a few drops of red food colouring, if desired. Use for cookies or for the Valentine Gateau.

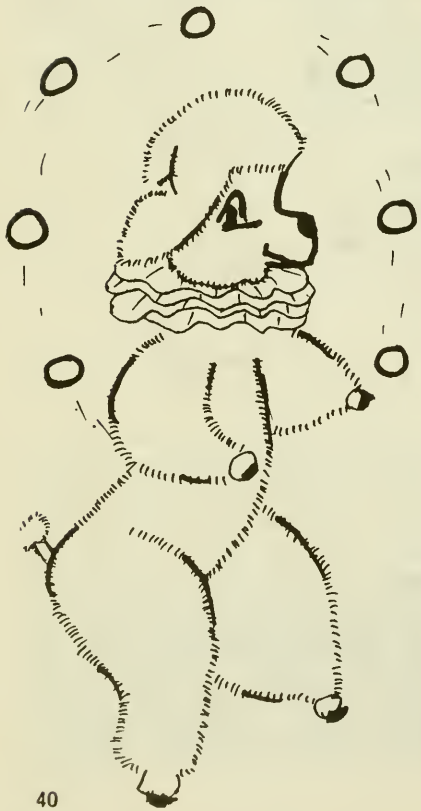
Miss Poppy

By Gillian Brown-Lee

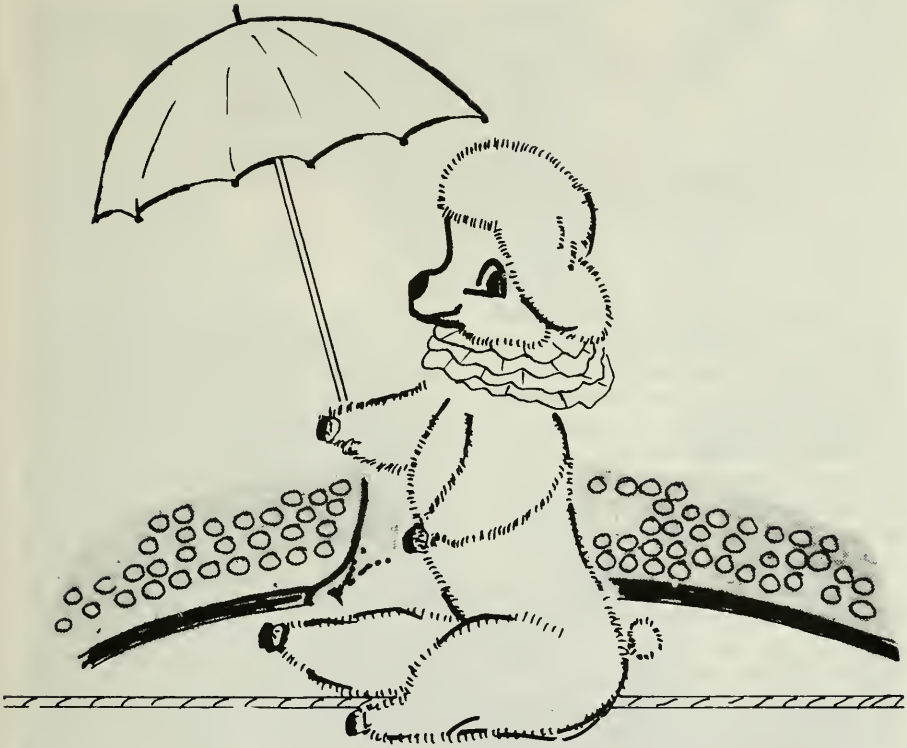
Miss Poppy was a poodle of very high degree,
Her mother's name was Duchess of noble pedigree.
Her father was the champion at many a local show,
Alas for poor Miss Poppy, she had a crooked toe!

Miss Poppy's lady owner was really quite put out,
She couldn't understand how such a thing had come about.
She took Miss Poppy to the vet, and after much debate,
He said, "Madam must wait a bit, perchance the toe will grow straight!"

Miss Poppy's coat was shiny, and full of tiny curls,
Her eyes were bright, her nose was wet, her teeth like little pearls.
Her brain was quick and clever, her sight as sharp as pins,
Her tricks and games were many, and very few her sins.







And yet her owner spurned her, though only six weeks old,
She was not truly perfect, Miss Poppy must be sold.
A kind young lady bought her, to her strange home they went,
And now 'tween tent and caravan, Miss Poppy's days were spent.

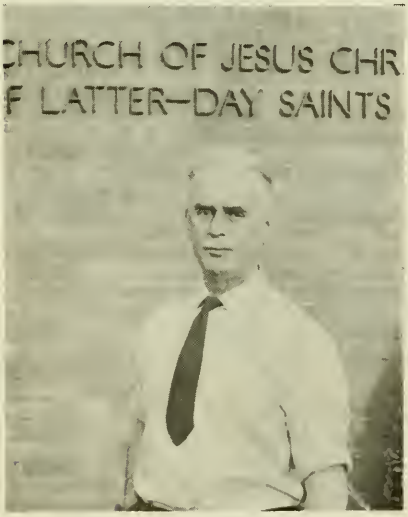
Miss Poppy joined a circus, and travelled near and far,
As months turned into seasons, Miss Poppy was a star.
She was the first to learn a trick, the last to leave the ring,
Miss Poppy would not change her grand new life for anything.

Miss Poppy had forgotten her silly crooked toe,
It never would be noticed in any circus show.
So any tiny fault or flaw can soon be overcome,
And we, like dear Miss Poppy, can work for everyone.

Custodian Performs Great Missionary Service

★ "I thought my job would be a lonely one, but I find it definitely is not. This is the Lord's house and I feel His presence with me." So said Brother Albert E. Preece, custodion of Woodsetton Chapel, near Wolverhampton, in Leicester Stake. Brother Preece has held this position for three years. He has enjoyed his work and through it his testimony has grown.

There have been many and varied visitors at Woodsetton Chapel. Strangers have phoned for help and advice, people worried about family problems



Albert E. Preece, custodian, Woodsetton Chapel.

have sought help. They turned to a church in their time of stress. Brother Preece has been of service to them and has felt the spirit of the Lord as he tried to help them.

Architects, interested in church buildings have visted this new chapel. One man wanted an aspect of the church incorporated in his own house and brought his architect to the building to show him. People who are curious as to what a Mormon Church is like have come. A party from a technical college took photographs of it for their studies. Whoever they are, Brother Preece tells them as much as he can about the Church's teaching.

One day two large oil tankers drew up. One of the drivers had been to the Leicester Chapel and was so impressed that he brought his "mate" to see Woodsetton Chapel. He had not heard of the Mormons. Another driver of an oil tanker stood in the chapel and said, "What a wonderful feeling. I could imagine myself a member of this Church."

Some of the visitors have travelled many miles to see a Mormon Church. One man, a Methodist, brought some people especially to see it because they were planning a new church of their own and were seeking new ideas. Another had been sent as a representative of the residential area in which



Albert E. Preece pruning roses at Woodsetton Chapel, Leicester Stake.

he lived. He reported to Brother Preece that he had been sent by his fellow householders because they had heard that a Mormon Church was being proposed for their estate and they were worried about it. As he left he said that he was very impressed and that there would be no objections from him or his fellow residents to a Mormon Church in their area.

In a rain storm the porch is a good shelter for passers by. They are always invited in and given pamphlets on Mormonism .Some visitors are religious, others believe in nothing. They all go away impressed. They comment on how well this Church is kept. Brother Preece always replies "One day the Lord may knock on that door and want to come in. It must be ready."

Brother Preece was branch president when the chapel was built and is at present first counselor in the Second Quorum of Elders. He is an assistant to the Sunday School superintendent. He has been a member of the Church for ten years. His wife was born in the Church.

Brother Preece worked as a plumber and a gas fitter before becoming a custodion. He enjoyed meeting people in that work, but has found that his present position is the most rewarding of his life.

COLOUR BLIND

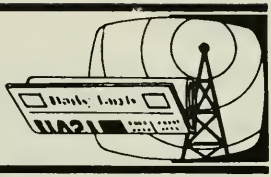
By Sis. Masie Liston, Sottish Mission

What colour is Black?
Am I blind to it's Hamitic Tone?
I can feel it's presence,
Sense it's depths,
Touch it's velvet,
Hear it's despair!
But what colour is black?

How can I know except search it's soul-
And yet I'm afraid!

My colour is white!
Am I unblemished still from birth?
Why fear I it's nearness—
Pity it's fall—
Watch it's Tears
Pray for it's soul?
Because my colour is white
Should I with-hold my love?—
For God who gave his life
Tells me—love all!

NEWS



CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★BEDFORD Relief Society held a social evening devoted to the theme of "Strive for the Stars", at the home of Bro. and Sis. Gibbons. After a meal prepared by Sis. Gibbons and Sis. Shackleford, Kathleen Borly sang a solo, and a skit was performed, poems recited and other songs sung. The room and tables were decorated and lighted by candlelight and all the twelve sisters present agreed that it was a very pleasant evening.

A Jumble Sale and Sale of Work was held in November at the St. Peter's Hall Bedford, and a good variety of articles were offered for sale. The sisters made cakes, and hot doughnuts and apple cider were prepared by Bro. and Sis. Vann. The sum of £11 . 16s. was raised.

★ Once again it was a real family party at the mission home on Dec. 21st when all the mission board members their wives, husbands and children gathered together for their annual



Bedford R. Soc. Sisters enjoying a meal by candlelight.

Chrismas party. During the afternoon the younger children enjoyed party games and a visit from Father Christmas, while the teenagers went bowling. Everyone gathered together for some wonderful refreshments, and then in the evening each family performed their party piece. The party closed with carol singing around the lighted Christmas tree.

★ On 13th Dec. 1968, a Christmas Party was held in the Coastguards lookout at HOLYHEAD for members of the Bangor Branch and their friends. Sis. Murton and Sis. Stewart from Holyhead prepared a delicious meal of cold meats and salads followed by hot mince pies, which really warmed up the Christmas spirit. Approximately twenty people attended and Sis. Dixon from Beaumaris, organised each family to do a "turn" of singing, dancing, acting or whatever they could do. Perhaps the funniest was an excellent imitation of Tiny Tim singing Tiptoe through the the Tulips, by Ian Pierce from Bangor. Also included on the programme was a series of games with small prizes for the winners.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ Saints from all over the West of England went to PLYMOUTH on Dec. 7th to see a show at the HARTLEY Chapel. The compere was Arnold Jones, a witty Welshman from Merthyr Tydfil. Philippa and Rosalind Pulman, also from Merthyr, sang duets and entertained the audience of over 300 with the Tall Tales they won prizes for in a national competition at Torquay, 2 months ago. John Cox gave two prize winning recitations from Shakespeare. Two pop groups performed, one from Exeter, and the other from Plymouth composed of missionary Elders, in a comical mood. Elder Munns from Barnstable showed his skill on the piano between acts. There was also a last showing of the Plymouth District Road Show "Winter Wonderland", with the "Devonshire bumpkin", Ann Giles, stealing the main applause. The show ended with the main floor being cleared so that the M.I.A. Formation Dance team from Wales could give a demonstration.

The missionary Elders held a Christmas Party on Dec. 16th at the Hartley Chapel for all those working in the Bristol and Southwest areas. What made it more enjoyable was the fact that they were able to stay overnight at the homes of the Plymouth saints, some of whom they had brought into the Church, and who naturally were delighted to see them again.

Sylvia Blott, organised an Olde Time Music Hall at the Chapel on Dec. 21st, and the programme included a variety of sketches and songs from members and missionaries in the district. During the afternoon the Primary children entertained their families with a Nativity play. There were also talks by the children on the subject of Christmas, and then carol singing.

The Sunday School Christmas Party, with about 100 members present took place on Dec. 28th. There were gifts for all the under-twelves, from the Three Kings, Peter Blott, Bill Moir and Bill Soper. Pamela March, the Junior Sunday School Co-ordinator, was presented with a potted plant, in appreciation of all her hard work in organising the party.

★ BOURNEMOUTH Branch was well represented at the South Coastal District Relief Society Bazaar held at the local New Town Liberal Hall. Their seven stalls organised by Relief Society Pres. V. Kenchington, yielded a total of £25, which is to be divided between the Society's funds and the Branch Building Fund. The latter has now nearly reached the £600 mark.

A complete sell out was the happy report on the first issue of the newly launched branch magazine, "HALO". Produced by the Branch M.I.A. members and published by the South West British Mission. With David Leckey as editor, it promises to be a real winner and provide much interesting reading for local members. It is hoped the "HALO" will be published each month in aid of the Building Fund.

Recently returned to Bournemouth, after several years in Bermuda and Salt Lake City, Peter Crockford, a former South Coastal District president, has been called as 2nd counselor in the branch presidency.

★ Nov. 23rd was a busy day for the sisters in the CORNWALL District when their annual bazaar was held in Falmouth. The priesthood not only transported the sisters to Falmouth from branches in Helston, Newquay and St. Austell, but also helped to erect the stalls for them. All the branches displayed many and varied hand-made goods, ranging from beautiful knitwear, to lovely dressed dolls, and it was a very successful day both financially and socially. Refreshments were served including hot meat pies and a selection of other goodies. After the bazaar the saints stayed on to enjoy a "Beetle Drive" and dancing.

★ Sisters of the FALMOUTH Relief Society gave a Christmas Party for the children and their friends on Dec. 6th. The room was gaily decorated with a real festive approach. Joan Worrell acted as M.C. and really gave the children a lovely evening. After refreshments, and before going home they all received sweets, and a present. Then the sisters all exchanged a gift. Everyone felt a true Christmas spirit prevail.

TORQUAY Branch had two stalls at a combined Bazaar with EXETER and NEWTON ABBOTT Branches at Exeter on Nov. 30th. Edna White and José Norris were in charge of the stall selling general goods, such as aprons, gloves, baby clothes, oven gloves and household goods. While Christine Norris served at their other stall selling cakes, tarts, biscuits and sweets. Business was slow at first, but nearly 100 people visited the Bazaar during the day, and the branch's share of the profit totalled approximately £10.

CHANGE OF NAME FOR THE TORQUAY BRANCH

★ Following the amalgamation of the local Councils of the three towns of Torquay, Paignton and Brixham, to form a new County Borough of Torbay, the mission president has agreed to the Branch's request to change the name to TORBAY BRANCH, as it already covers these three areas. This will be done officially at the next Plymouth/Cornwall District Conference, to take effect from the date of the conference. The branch is part of the Plymouth District.

★ The CORNWALL District held a Christmas service as a district at REDRUTH and it proved to be a great success. Floor spreads were put down for the children and some of the brethren had to stand as there were not enough chairs. About 90 saints attended, which just shows how the Church is growing in Cornwall.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ On Friday 22nd Nov. approximately 150 people attended the GRIMSBY/CLEETHORPES Relief Society Bazaar. Everyone was greatly impressed by the cheerful scene which greeted them on entering the hall, which had been very tastefully decorated by the sisters. The nine stalls were displayed effectively with goods ranging from a variety of hand made articles, aprons, slippers, children's clothing, Christmas centrepieces and indoor plants. During the evening refreshments of home-made soups, fishcakes and hot dogs were served. However the centre of attraction was Father Christmas, who successfully entertained the children whilst their parents bought their assortment of home-made cakes. The evening was very rewarding and satisfying for the sisters.

★ An enjoyable occasion was had by all at the HULL District Dinner and Dance for district officers and branch presidents and their wives in November. The dinner, prepared by the Relief Society sisters under the direction of District Relief Society President Sister Everett, was turkey for main course and trifle for sweet. After the meal entertainment was provided by Geoffrey Dunning acting as comedian, and Tom Novis who sang. Dancing was the programme for the rest of the evening with Ian Swaney on the accordion, and the use of records.

★ On Dec. 14th, Father Christmas made a surprise visit to the children of the Liverpool Primary and Junior Sunday School classes. He was drawn by the spirited rendering of "Captain Webb and Medicinal Compound" sung lustily by a small sized quartet led by David Wain. After a splendid tea the children were entertained by old time films. This year the party was increased by the attendance of a family outside the church, who would not otherwise have seen Father Christmas this year. Their delight was touching to see. The success of the party was due to the untiring efforts of Doreen Jones, Joan Foster, Betty Wain, and Sisters Hodge, Hoare and Bourne, and it was noticable that the attendance grows larger each year, which of course is what we like to see.

★ Members of the BURNLEY branch were in a frenzy of activity just before Christmas, trying desperately to finish the work on their new chapel and to raise the last £200 needed to pay for their share. The Relief Society held their sale of work on Nov. 30th, and the M.I.A. organised a dance on the 29th, with a folk dance team as performing guests of the evening, they held another dance on Dec. 6th, and were also responsible for the branch Christmas Party, dinner and dance on the 21st Dec. At the time of going to print we had not heard whether they reached their target or not, but we certainly hope that they did.

★ Due to initial complications, the intended departure of Anthony Calvert of the BURNLEY Branch, on a voluntary building mission to Germany was de-

layed. In the meantime alternative arrangements had been made in Essen. However the Lord works in a mysterious way, and now both Bro. Calvert and Ronnie Taylor of the NELSON Branch have been called on fulltime proselyting missions. Bro. Calvert is serving in the British Mission and Bro. Taylor in the British South Mission.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ The "Second Quorum of Elders" held a very successful dance at the HANDSWORTH Ward Chapel in November. The music was provided by the very popular "Woodsetton Sounds", and the Handsworth Ward Relief Society under the direction of Pres. Winifred Megeney, provided some delicious refreshments. During the interval, Elder Thomas Gene Harrison, a new missionary, entertained with the guitar and sang three popular songs, then Bishop Denis Tisdale provided comedy and song. The quorum presidency were very pleased with the response they received and are now planning further social activities for the future.

★ The priesthood of WALSALL entertained the sisters to a dinner and dance one very cold evening in November, but the meal and the dancing soon warmed everyone up. Games for both children and adults also added to the fun.

The branch's "Find a Member" week provided a new and exciting experience for the members who went tracting with the missionaries. Testimonies were strengthened and spirituality increased, and there was happiness in the social evening for members and investigators when local talent and the new Mission-Aires entertained. The film "Profile of a Prophet", on the life of President David O. McKay, gave inspiration.

★ The success of Woodsetton's Missionary Week, was mirrored in a gay social. The number of new faces was overwhelming and Master of Ceremonies, John Bond, had difficulty organising dances which would not involve too many collisions. Dancing was to records, and the high spot of the evening was entertainment by the New Mission-Aires, who sang several new numbers as well as some old favourites.

Members of the Relief Society invited their husbands and friends to a dinner-dance at the Woodsetton Chapel. Decorated tables were set for seventy people, who enjoyed a three course meal served by the Young Women's M.I.A. Afterwards there was a chance to wear off some of the added weight with folk and modern dancing, organised by John Bond. The food was prepared that afternoon by two non-members and they were both presented with a bouquet of flowers for their worthy efforts.

LEEDS STAKE

★ Answering the call from the First Presidency to incorporate the Scouting programme in the Church in the British Isles, the DEWSBURY Ward has done what many, including the Scouting Authorities considered impossible. With the general pattern of scouting growing more towards combined troops to combat declining members, Dewsbury has started Cubs and Scouts and done so with immediate success.

On the 30th October 1968, the 3rd Dewsbury Scout Group was officially registered and the Leaders, Cubs and Scouts invested in an impressive ceremony which was attended by the

District Scout Commissioner Mr. K. Pollard, his A.D.C.'s, and representatives of the District Scout Council. The 3rd Dewsbury leaders are, Group Scout Leader Arthur Gregory, Scout Leader Hedley Bennett, Asst. Scout Leaders Eric Sheard and Mike Smith and Cub Scout Leaders May Bolton and Kathleen Gregory.

The meeting opened with flag break and prayers at 7-30 p.m., and the rest of the evening was given over to investitures followed by the "Grand Howl", and a realistic 'mock-up' of a camp site in the Cultural Hall, with a camp-fire, tents and real trees! Songs were sung and the spirit of the Camp-fire enjoyed until 9-30 p.m. when with the fire burning low, the flag was lowered and the company led in prayer by Bishop Gordon Williams. About 60 people attended the evening, which for the 15 cubs and 14 scouts was but the first of many such treats.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ KILMARNOCK District Relief Societies held a Christmas Bazaar in the Masonic Halls, Irvin on Nov. 23rd. There was a grand display of hand made articles, and the stalls looked very attractive. Business was brisk when the doors were opened, and at the end of the sale the takings were £52. Later in the evening a fashion show of clothing made by the sisters was held, and this was followed by a concert in which everyone participated.

★ The second annual Father and Sons' Dinner for all members of the priesthood in the district was held in KILMARNOCK on Nov. 30th. The District Relief Society sisters prepared and served an excellent meal to the 51 young



Solomon Patel, a Scout being invested by Scout Leader Hedley Bennett at Dewsbury.

and not quite so young men who attended. Boys 11 years of age who are preparing to enter the priesthood were also invited. All the six branches of the district were represented. After dinner, District Pres. Ronald F. Lovell spoke on organization, and with the approval of all concerned three priesthood groups were then organized, Melchizedek, Aaronic, and Aaronic Adult. The elders are also to support Sister Mavis E. Clements on a full-time mission. Mission Pres. Egbert J. Brown was the second speaker, and he stressed the need for a good education in this modern world. Pres. Harold Wilde, 2nd counselor in the district presidency, presented the awards to the Aaronic Priesthood holders.

While the sisters washed the dishes, the brethren enjoyed the film "Joseph Smith the Latter-day Prophet". To round off the evening each branch contributed one or two numbers in a concert. The programme included songs, monologues, jokes, and accordion, piano and bagpipe solos.

★ On the 16/17th Dec. the KILMARNOCK Branch and dependent Primaries visited the old people in Kirklandside Hospital to sing to hem. Fourteen children and 5 teachers sang a selection of Christmas Carols and Primary songs, and then spoke to the old people who appreciated it very much. Each evening the matron and staff provided lemonade, sandwiches and biscuits for the carollers.

★ On Nov. 30th the sisters of the INVERNESS Branch celebrated St. Andrews day with a party. The tables were decorated in blue and white representing the flag of St. Andrew, and the food served was all home baked from traditional Scottish recipes. After the meal the sisters entertained the company with a variety of Scottish poems and songs.

★ The ABERDEEN BRANCH held their M.I.A. Christmas Party on Dec. 17th for about 50 members. The Chapel was decorated both inside and out, a "Grotto" with Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus, had been placed on the roof, and Christmas Carols were relayed through loud-speakers. Inside there was plenty of Christmas pudding, pies, sweets etc. and after the goodies, dancing and games. Santa Clause also paid a visit and gave presents to all the members.

Two days later the Relief Society sisters and their friends went for their Christmas outing. First they went for a meal and then on to Her Majesty's Theatre to see the White Heather Club's Christmas Party.

Like all good Scots the branch saw the New Year in with a party and dance.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ The BILLINGHHAM Ward Relief Society Christmas Bazaar took place 29th Nov. As this was the first time that a bazaar had been held in the new chapel, it was encouraging to see so many people there. The evening was opened by Sister Afton Hardy Stake Relief Society president, who praised the work of the many articles for sale, which ranged from toys to home-made ginger wine, and from aprons to plants. Refreshments were also on sale, but the highlight of the bazaar from the children's point of view anyway, was Joe Riley as Father Christmas and Sis-

ter Arvidson as Mother Christmas. The sum of £66 was raised, and this will be used to buy cutlery, crockery and other utensils for the kitchen.

The Primary held their Christmas Party on Dec. 7th. Both children and parents played games and then watched the Nativity play performed by the members of Primary. All the children had obviously learnt their parts well and their singing was excellent. Refreshments made by the Primary officers and teachers sold extremely well.

★ The PETERLEE Branch also report a very successful bazaar on the 7th Dec.

LONDON STAKE

★ On 7th Dec. 1968, the London Stake Relief Society held a very successful Christmas Social and Dinner. Over 150 sisters, their husbands and friends gathered with the stake presidency in the HYDE PARK Chapel to enjoy a fine meal prepared and organised by Bishop and Sister Leavitt of the NORTH LONDON Ward. Bishop Leavitt also acted as Master of Ceremonies for the dancing and entertainment which followed the dinner. John Smith, the Magic Man of the CATFORD Branch, Pat Jackson singing to the accompayment of Jill Goldthorpe, and Don Harrison playing variations on a Mormon Hymn provided the entertainment.

★A Christmas Bazaar was held at the NORTH LONDON CHAPEL by the Relief Society. Stalls included, bakery, household goods and toys and childrens clothes all made by the sisters. A light lunch was served to the visitors. A great deal of effort and time on the part of the sisters was rewarded by a return of over £50 of which a portion will be given to the ward building fund.

★ The climax of the year for 20 members of the 19th Balham and Tooting L.D.S. Scout Troop was a fortnights holiday they spent camping at Padstow, in Cornwall. The camp was a combined involving two other Scout Troops and over 70 Scouts and Scout leaders. They were grouped in 8 Patrols and catered for themselves, tackling such ambitious dishes as roast chicken and mackerel.

The majority of the free time at the camp was spent on the beach, swimming or playing volleyball and football. Special activities for the older boys consisted of a 24 hour expedition across Bodmin Moor, carrying full kit and living on special rations, and a rather exciting night hike. They also visited Boscastle and Tintagel by coach, the former having a rather sinister Witches Museum, and the latter the famous castle of King Arthur. Many other wonderful experiences were enjoyed, far too numerous to relate in detail, but, all a testimony to the brotherhood of mankind in and out of the Church.

★ All present and former members of the Luton Ward, are invited, to the dedication services of the Luton Chapel to be held Monday, Feb. 17th at 8 p.m. Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, will dedicate the edifice.

IRISH MISSION

★ It has been interesting to receive reports of Scout Activities for this month"s issue of the Star, from the Leeds and London Stakes. We have another rather belated report of a Scout Camp in IRELAND, and we are printing the following photographs to show their achievements and encourage others to introduce the Scouting programme in their wards

and branches.

The occasion was the CAVEHILL Scout Troop weekend camp at the Camping site, Cavehill, Belfast. Their leader is Brother A. Kirk.

We like to receive such photographs as these, but please send them in as soon as the event has taken place, then you will avoid disappointment for everyone.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ ASHTON/OLDHAM Ward held their Christmas Party for the children on December 21st, with plenty of fun and games and the long awaited visit from Father Christmas.

★ A very successful Stake Missionary /Investigators Dance was held at the stake house on 23rd Nov. The refreshments were provided by the Relief Society who put on a splendid buffet, and the M.I.A. were responsible for the really outstanding decorations in the cultural hall.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ Anyone visting the ISLE OF WIGHT this year will find that the branch there is growing rapidly and that work has commenced on their own chapel. All the members are full of enthusiasm and are working hard to raise money for the building fund. The latest effort was a dinner given by Bro. and Sis. Arthur Henderson, formerly of the London Temple, which raised £20.

★ Quite a flurry in HIGH WYCOMBE in mid-December when the Market Supervisor telephoned Sis. Lukin one evening to say there was a free stall that Saturday.

Sister Lukin refered this to the branch president and a hasty conference was called when it was agreed to market Christmas Trees.



Bro. A. Kirk with some of the Troop of the Cavehill Branch at their weekend camp.

Two of the brothers made a 5.30 a.m. start to a wholesale depot fifteen miles away and brought back a collection of trees the last of which was sold at 4.40 that afternoon.

The missionaries were asked if they would tract the market crowd from the stall area and made dozens of gospel contacts.

Bro. Tom O'Connell of the branch presidency organised the sale and was chief salesman.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ To Brian and Elizabeth Austin, Ashton/Oldham Ward, Manchester Stake, a son.

★ To George and Margaret Holden, Ashton/Oldham Ward Manchester Stake, a son.

★ To Charles and Elizabeth Baxter, Ashton/Oldham Ward, Manchester Stake, a daughter.

★ October 9th—To Brian and Lynda Wade, Northampton Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter Nicola Tracey.

★ October 21st—To Pres. and Sis. C. E. Seivert, formerly of Banbury Branch, Central British Mission, recently returned to the B.Y.U. Provo, Utah, a son, Jeffrey Thomas.

★ October 26th—To Norman and Bonita Kapaska, Banbury Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Aaron.

★ December 4th—To Barrie and Sheila Jones of Leicester Stake a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ December 20th, Robert Ian Preston to Patricia Garniss, both of Ashton/Oldham Ward.

★ John Hughes of Burnley Branch to Eileen Walker of Coln Branch.

MARRIAGES

★ Christopher Morris and Linda Hirst, both recent converts to the Church were married at the Leeds Stakehouse on 14th September, 1968 by Bishop Neil McEwen. The wedding ceremony was the first to be held in the stakehouse and also the first that Bishop McEwen has performed.



Elizabeth Perry and Eric Bray after their wedding at the Plymouth Chapel.

★Eric Bray of Helston, and Elizabeth Perry of Exeter were married on 5th October, 1968 at the Plymouth Chapel. They later attended the London Temple. About forty people attended the reception before the couple left for their honeymoon in Portlock.



Linda Hirst and Christopher Morris the first couple married in Leeds Stakehouse

★ Raymond Poole and Susan Vine were married at the Nottingham Chapel on December 21st by Bishop Albert Green. Susan who comes from Broadstairs, Kent, met Raymond at Nottingham Teachers' Training College. She wore a dress of white duchesse satin trimmed with Nottingham lace, a full-length veil and carried a bouquet of freesia and rosebuds. The bridesmaids were Gillian, Caroline and Mary Lou Vine, (sisters of the bride) and Vanessa and Rebecca Poole, (sisters of the of the groom). John Elks of Derby was the best man. The reception was held in the cultural hall and then the couple left for the London Temple.

OBITUARY

★ Joseph Henery Thistleton of the West Hull Branch, aged 75 years, passed away while attending priesthood meeting on Nov. 10th.

The funeral service was held at the West Hull Branch Chapel conducted by Branch Pres. William Fee; a talk was given by Peter J. Everett.

There were many brethren and sisters present to pay their last respects to this dear brother. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Vera.

I PRAY I MAY BE THANKFUL

By Sis. Margory E. Green Farnham, Surrey

I do not ask for riches,
  I do not crave for wealth,
I pray for something precious,
  The gift of strength and health,
For eyes that see the beauty
  In flowers so bright and gay,
And lips that whisper "Thank you"
  For the blessings of each day.

I ask I shall be humble,
  Tolerant and kind,
That I will always try to keep
  A sweet contented mind;
To be grateful for my loved ones
  Who work and keep my home,
Then think of all the sad ones
  Who sit and cry alone.

I pray I may be worthy
  Of all the things I say,
That I may help a friend in need
  Throughout each passing day.
I want to grow in wisdom,
  In patience and in love,
And serve my Heavenly Father
  As He guides me from above.

I do not ask for riches,
  I pray for faith, dear Lord,
That I may always serve Thee
  Not looking for reward,
And when my journey's over
  And I leave this earthly plane
With joy I come to meet you
  And eternal rest obtain.



"Dramatic Interlude" first in Division 1, Land or Seascapes, taken by Mrs. Irene Hirst, Southport, Lancs. at Eskdale, Cumberland. Film FP3. f5.6. 1/200th. Filter X4 Orange.

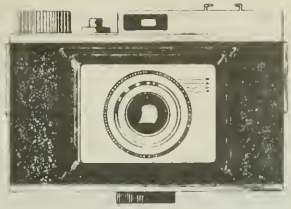


Photo Contest

Winners Announced In 1968 "Star" Photo Contest

★ Results of the 1968 photography contest conducted by the Millennial Star are announced in this issue. The editorial staff of the Star express thanks to all who entered, and to the judges.

Winners of first, second, third places and honourable mention are announced herewith.

It should be noted that some photographs received did not carry the information as to which category they were submitted and some entrants did not carry the details of film, camera, etc.

Judges noted that some photographs were entered in a division somewhat foreign to the subject material of the photograph. In some cases such photos were considered in the division judges (according to the rules of the contest) felt the picture would best fit the description.

Winners have already been notified by direct post as to the results of the contest and their prizes awarded.

Reproductions of winning pictures together with data concerning each is printed herewith on the next sevveral pages of the February issue of The Millennial Star.

Division 1: Land or seacapes

First place—Mrs. Irene Hirst, 133 Sussex Road, Southport, Lancs., member of the Southport Branch. Photo titled "Dramatic Interlude". Taken in Eskdale, Cumberland.

Judges notation: Excellent quality, with care in developing, printing and entering.

Second—Christopher Lewis, 14 Green Lane, North Hykeham, Lincoln, Lincoln Branch, Central British Mission.Photo titled "Morning Mist". Also excellent quality.

Third—Michael John Fisher, 58 Hope Avenue, Goldthorpe, near Rotherham, Yorkshire, Sheffield Branch. Titled "Trees".

Honourable mention— "Land's End" by Roger J. Bell 61 Lostwood Road, St. Austell, Cornwall, St. Austell Branch.

"The old and new in France" by P. Unsworth, 100 Byron St. Hollinwood, Oldham.

"Progress" by J. F. Harris, 3 Jubilee Terrace, Helston, Cornwall.

Division 3: Dramatic effect.

First place—Peter Wheat, 33 Avon Road West, Christchurch, Hampshire, Bournemouth Branch. Photo titled, "Dawn Beauty" of early morning with weak haze of the sun fingering across the soft wetness of the grass, highlighting the pearl droplets of the spider' web against a backcloth of sparking jewels.

Judges notation: Excellent quality.

Second—Christopher Lewis, of Lincoln Branch, who also placed second in the first division, for his "Solitude".

Third—Peter Wheat, Bournemouth Branch, who also placed first in this division. "Filigree Contrast".

Honourable mention—"Agony" taken by Elder Pearson, 50 Princess Gate, Exhibition Road, London S.W.7.

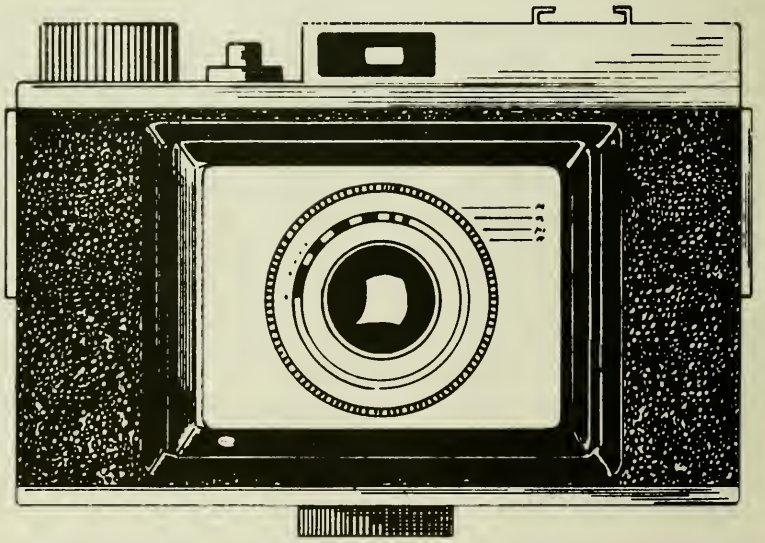
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"Pondering on Saturday's team", by P. Unsworth, Hollinwood, Oldham.





"Dawn Beauty" by Peter Wheat, Christchurch, Hampshire, first in Division 3. Dramatic effect. Pentax SLR. Film FP3.



"Morning Mist", second in Division 1, taken by Christopher Lewis, North Hykeham, Lincoln. Canon FT-QL, 50 mm. FP4. Dev. Microphen. f1.8.



"Solitude" by Christopher Lewis, North Hykeham, Lincoln, second in Division three, Leica IIIa, 50mm. Film FP3. Dev. Unitol.



"Trees" rated third in Division 1, taken by Michael John Fisher, of Goldthorpe, near Rotherham, Yorkshire. Film Verichrome Pan. 1/4 sec.



"Filigree Contrasts" placed third in Division 3 by Peter Wheat, Christchurch, Hampshire, Pentax SLR, Film FP3.



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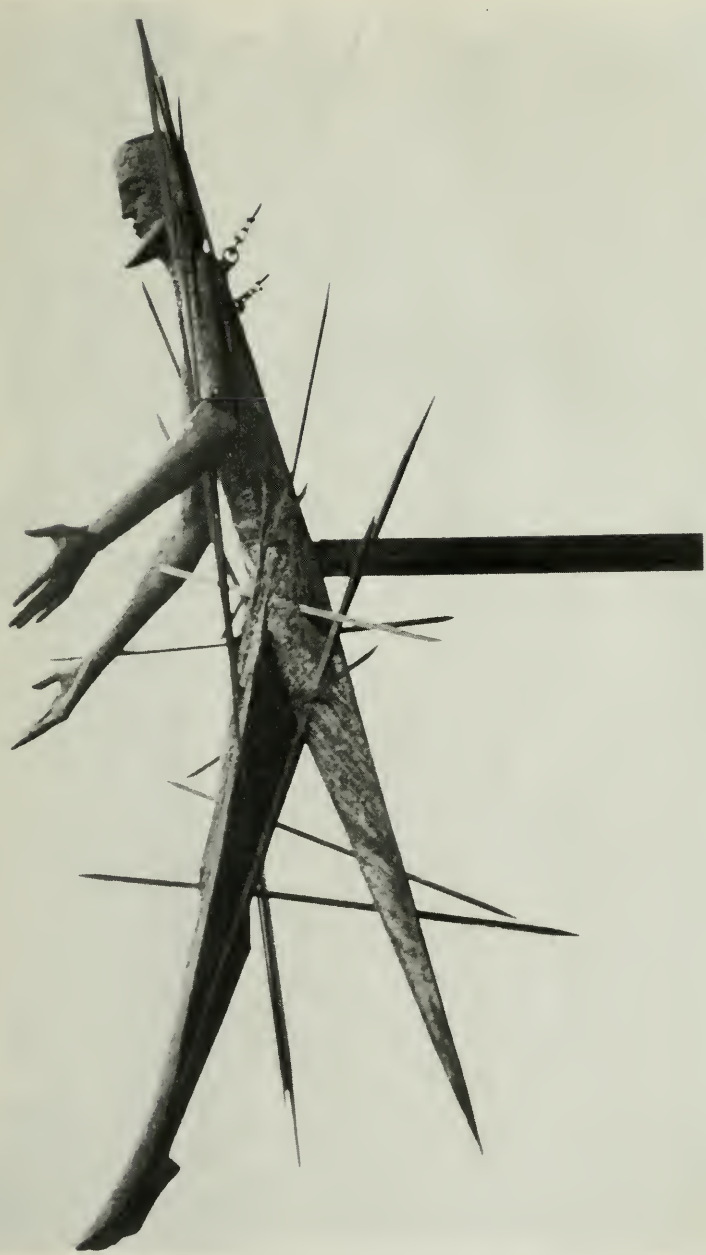
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"The old and the new in France" honourable mention in Division 1 taken by P. Unsworth, Hollinwood, Oldham.



"Harai-Goshi" by Michael Lucas, Orford, Warrington, Lancs, honourable mention in Division 3. f8. 1/300th.



"Agony" by Elder Pearson, 50 Princess Gate, Exhibition Road, London, honourable mention in Division 3. Nikon Sun Zoom. Film FP4. f8. 1/125th.



"Rod-Bender" by Peter Wheat, Christchurch, Hampshire, honourable mention
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"Freedom or . . ." honourable mention. Taken by Miss Karen E. Lodge, Beaumaris, Anglesey, N. Wales.



"Gone Fishing" by Roger J. Ball, St. Austell, Cornwall, received honourable mention in Division 3. Film Kodachrome X. f5.6. 1/60th.



"Pondering on Saturday's team" by P. Unsworth, Hollinwood, Oldham, received honourable mention in division 3.

"Finda Member Week" Comes To Banbury

By Brian S. Heath, Branch President of Banbury

★ Banbury is one of the smaller branches of the Central British Mission, but what it lacks in size it makes up for in enthusiasm. Branch Pres. Brian S. Heath demonstrated this when he described a recent branch event. It all started when Pres. Heath, along with his counselor Roy Chace, and representatives of the district presidency and district council attended a briefing session at the Mission Home.

Mission Pres. George I. Cannon began by telling of a special programme that had been used in one or two of the stakes and they now wanted to try it with some of the smaller branches, thus choosing Banbury as somewhat of a test case.

"What's that he was saying?" He's going to call ALL THE MEMBERS OVER THE AGE OF TWELVE ON A MISSION!" "Don't worry Pres. Heath" he says,"It's only for a week"

Well that was a relief, and it sounds like a good idea; it could be just the thing for some of the members. We were then presented with the full programme which would lead up to "Finda Member Week". The week itself would begin on Sunday, Oct. 13th 1968 with a special Fast Meeting, with all the members dedicating their fasting and prayers to the work, and culminating the following Saturday with "Telerama" in the Town Hall, which would include a performance by the New Mission-Aires and the film "Man's Search for Happiness".

After leaving that meeting i was very enthusiastic, worried, but enthusiastic. What were the worries? Could a small branch live up to the commitments involved? Would all the members accept their call? The full-time missionaries had told us that the town had been tracted so many times already.

How then would people react to this Mormon Invasion"? It was alright for the missionaries, they had been called of God to do this work full time, but the members wouldn't want to be insulted and have doors slammed in their faces after a hard days work.

The programme was introduced to the branch at a Sacrament Meeting in which Bro. Chace and myself gave talks explaining the plans. Individual calls, from the mission presidency, to serve a one week mission were given out to the members in attendance, and four families were asked if they would hold special Family Home Evenings, to which friends, neighbours

and other non-members could be invited.

For the next two Sundays, the full-time missionaries took the Sunday School class period to tell us about tracting, door approaches and using street boards. Two Firesides were held for this purpose and also to work out tracting schedules.

Then, very suddenly, "Finda Member Week" was upon us. Our Fast Meeting was attended by Pres. Cuthbert, who spoke on behalf of the Mission presidency, and I led the members in bearing testimonies and accepting the call. Not all the members present responded, but those who did shared their testimonies and we all felt a wonderful spirit present. After the meeting, ten of us climbed to the top of a large grassy hill, overlooking the surrounding ares, to dedicate the town to "Finda Member Week". It was wet and rather muddy in places, but during the dedicatory prayer it really felt like the "wind of change" blowing over. One more fireside that evening, and then down to the real work.

The tracting was a great experience, and good fun, not only for me, but everyone else I have spoken to about it.

The sisters filled their commitments really well, not only with tracting, but also with boarding two extra missionaries, feeding a whole flock of them who came into Town on Telerama Day, and with baby sitting. The ones who were most frightened seemed to be the ones who were most successful. Of course, we had some mixed receptions. One man I visited with my young son, told me to go home, tear up my Book of Mormon and get down and pray for my sins to be forgiven. Another told us that all the modern day prophecy we needed was in the Bible, and we didn't need anything else. In retrospect, the responses to our visits were quite good and there certainly weren't many doors slammed.

The high spot of the week came with the dawning of Saturday "Telerama Day". There were two extra sets of missionaries, besides our own, two very charming and competent lady missionaries, the Mission-aires (plus instruments) two street boards and a handful of members. We set out to "invade" Banbury High Street. The boards were set up, the Mission-Aires began to sing and we launched into the crowd with tracts and invitations to" Telerama". Many people stopped to listen to the singing and so we were able to meet and talk to quite a few.

The Town Hall was ready, displays had been made by the members, showing different aspects of the Church and its auxiliaries. Attendance was not quite as good as expected but the evening was a success. The Mission-Aires were, as usual, superb, and the film beautiful. Light refreshments were served and everyone including Pres. Cannon, chose a non-member, or family and showed them the displays while explaining a little about "Mormonism". When it was all over one of the sisters exclaimed that she just found out that she didn't feel nervous any more, I told her that neither did I, and I had felt it ever since I left the Mission Home a month ago.

Well, what was the result? The people of Banbury should now understand us a little better. The Branch should be more united, the members more willing to help the missionaries, and the missionaries have at least fifteen good referrals. Two days after "Telerama" one young man knocked on their door and said "I have read your book, and I want to know more".

If this programme is introduced in your area, I would exhort you to respond with all your heart and energy,

because this is truly the Lord's work. I offer my help and energy, because this is truly the Lord"s work. I offer my help in any way possible to anyone who is thinking about this project.

I thank my Heaveny Father that He chose Banbury for this great work, and that He chose me to serve a one week mission, and I pray that I may follow it up in my daily life by following the words of our beloved Prophet, "Every Member a Missionary."

REQUEST FOR PROXY MARRIAGE SEALING

Name: Richard Tyler			Stake or Mission: Parleys	
Address: 2236 Maywood Dr.			Ward Examiner: J. Q.	Ward Examiner: L. S.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106			Reserve for family file at the Salt Lake temple	
1 3 Marriage Place (Parish or town, county, state or country): Provo, Utah, Utah				4 Marriage date: 23 Jan 1853
5 Husband's given name(s): Henry James			6 Husband's surname(s): Powers	
7 Wife's given name(s): Mary Ann			8 Wife's surname(s): Hill	
9 Husband's Age: 23	X if Widower	Husband's Residence		Husband's Occupation
10 Husband's death or burial date/Age		11 Husband's Fathers given name(s): Sam		12 Husband's Fathers surname(s): Powers
Husband's Fathers Occupation		13 Husband's Mothers given name(s): Sarah		14 Husband's Mothers surname(s): White
15 Wife's Age: 18	16 X if Widow	Wife's Residence		
17 Wife's death or burial date/Age		18 Wife's Fathers given name(s): William		19 Wife's Fathers surname(s): Hill
Wife's Fathers Occupation		20 Wife's Mothers given name(s): Mary		21 Wife's Mothers surname(s)
22 Relationship to H.: G.G. Son / Relationship to W.	23 Source of information: Powers family bible (in possession of Richard Tyler).			
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5 Husband's given name(s): Richard			6 Husband's surname(s): Osborne	
7 Wife's given name(s): Dinah			8 Wife's surname(s): Williams	
9 Husband's Age: 19	X if Widower	Husband's Residence		Husband's Occupation: Brass Finisher
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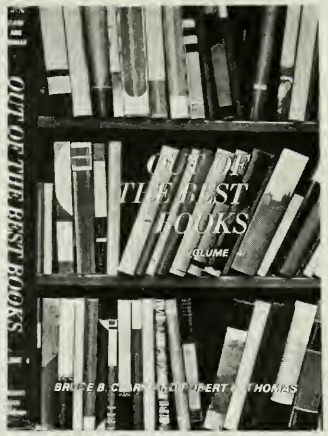
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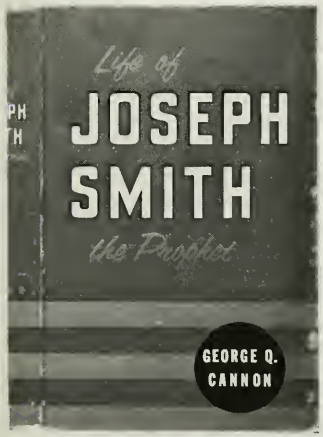
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This Life Is A Testing Period

By Elder Eldred G. Smith
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★ Have you had any problems? Have you had any difficulties? Have you had any trials? Have you ever been discouraged? Have you had any heartaches? Have you ever felt that disaster had fallen upon you and completely submerged you? Have you been temted to cry out, "Why this to me?" You can always find someone in worse straits than you.

I talked to a middle-aged woman who was blind. I have met others who were converts to the Church who were blind or crippled or mute; others who have physical difficulties and handicaps in this life. Even though this woman was blind from birth, she was a convert to the Church. I asked her how she became a member of the Church, and she explained how, through the facilities the missionaries had made available to her of Braille and "talking books," she had received a knowledge of the Gospel, and through her study, through the Spirit of the Lord, a testimony of the Gospel had come to her.

I asked her about her family. She mentioned she had two sisters who had their sight, but she said, They do not see." Even though they had the sight of their eyes they did not understand the Gospel. They could not see it. She bore testimony to me that she would rather be as she was and have the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then to trade places with either of her sisters who did not have the Gospel. It really thrilled me.

God gives us darkness to see into the distance. He gives us light to see close up. The stars shine in the daylight as much as they do at night, yet we need the darkness in which to see the stars. We can see into the distance as this blind woman did, through the Spirit even farther than we can see with our natural eyes. This life is full of contrasts. We have pleasure and pain, good and evil, virtue and vice. One purpose of this life is to be tried and tested, and as some have said, they wondered why they did not receive the Gospel when they were younger. They had to wait until they were thirty, or forty, or fifty years old, and some even older, before they heard and accepted the Gospel. Probably part of the testing purpose of this life was that they were so born into the world that they would be tried and tested to see whether they would have the faith under those circumstances to accept the Gospel when it came to them.

So, this life is a testing period that man may learn obedience by his own experience. Through modern revelation the Lord tell us, ". . . it must needs be that the devil should tempt the children of men, or they could not be

agents unto themselves; for they never should have bitter they could not know the sweet—" (D&C 29:39.) Again the Lord said:

"For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward.

"Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteouness;

"For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward.

"But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned. (Ibid., 58:26-29.)

The Lord expects us to use our free agency. That is the reason we have free agency. The Lord also extends His help In answer to our prayers. "We ask for strength, and God gives us difficulties to make us strong. We plead for wisdom, and God sends us problems, the solution of which develops wisdom. We plead for prosperity, and God gives us brawn and brains to work. We plead for courage, and God gives us dangers to overcome. We ask for favours, and God gives us opportunities."

This is a tempering process of life, that we may become stronger and eventually attain perfection. It is much the same as we do to temper steel. There are several processes of tempering steel. One is to take a bar of steel, put it into a process of hammering and beating, and the more it is pounded and hammered and beaten, the tougher the steel gets. This is cold rolled steel. We do not change the content of the steel. After this process it has the same content it had before, but through the process of a good beating it becomes tougher, stronger, more valuable, and more endurable.

Another process is that of heat treatment. We can take a bar of steel and cut it in two, one part of it we put through a heat treatment where it is heated to a terrifically high degree of temperature and held through a given length of time, and then quickly plunged into a solution of brine, cold water, oil, or some other method of quenching —an extreme reverse again from the heat to the cold. Then that piece of steel, so treated, becomes so hard that it can cut the counterpart from which it was previously cut, yet we have not changed the content of the steel. And so is life a tempering process.

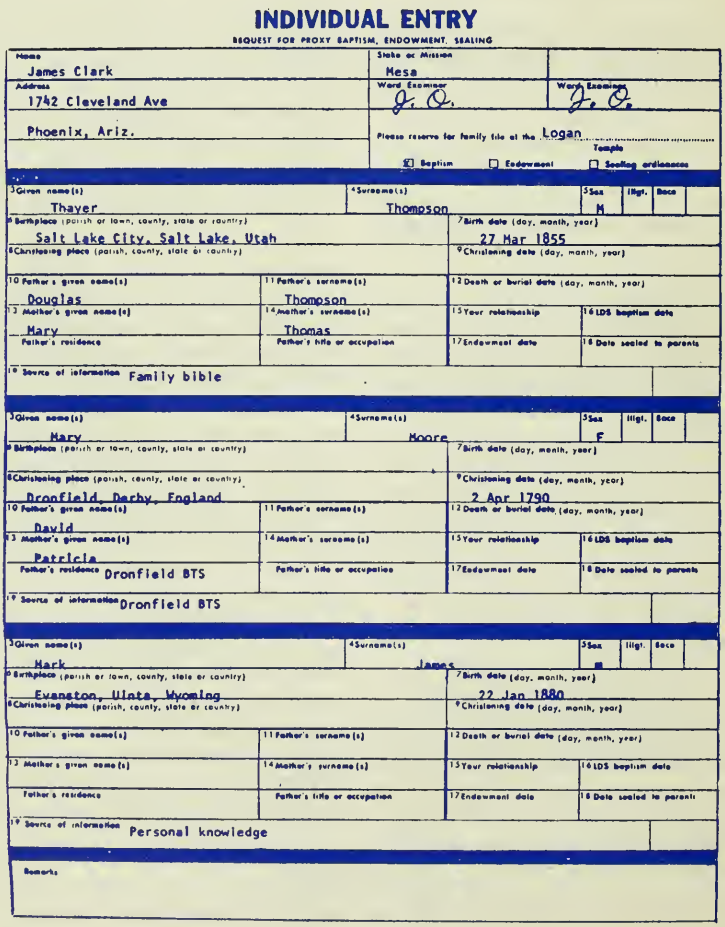
To me the story of Job has a great lesson in it. In all trials of Job, Lucifer did unto Job only that which the Lord permitted. Lucifer does not have power over us only so far as he is permitted. The trials of Job came only by steps or degrees, not all at once. Job may not have been able to withstand everything all at once, but coming in steps each trial gave him the strength to take the next. Finally, Lucifer was given full control over Job, except that he could not destroy his soul. As Job conquered, he became more perfect. As it was with Job, so shall it be with us. We also must withstand trials and difficulties through which we attain perfection. This process thus strengthened Job until he uttered that immortal testimony: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." (Job 19:25-26.)

Many of us say, "I believe," but

can we say as Job did, "I know." Can we say we know that God lives, and that Jesus is the Christ, and that Joseph Smith is a true prophet of God, and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored in this, the latter day? This is the question that we have to answer, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ gives us the answer thereto. Through the tempering process of life we may become strengthened even to perfection, as we conquer and endure to the end, that we too may have a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Lord said: ". . . he that endureth to the end shall be saved." (Matt. 10: 22.) To the Nephites he said: "Behold, I am the law, and the light. Look unto me, and endure to the end, and ye shall live; for unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life" (3 Nephi 15:9), which is the greatest gift that God can give to man.



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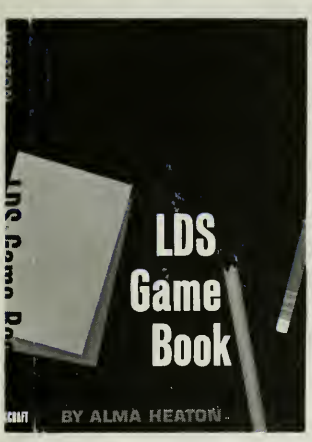
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4 Surname(s): Thompson
5 Sex: M
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11 Father's surname(s): Thompson
12 Death or burial date (day, month, year)
13 Mother's given name(s): Mary
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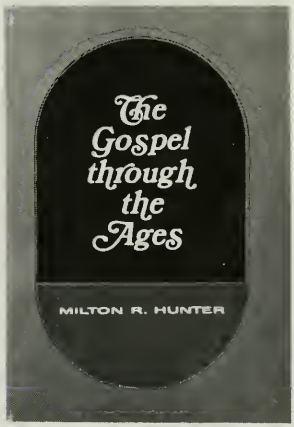
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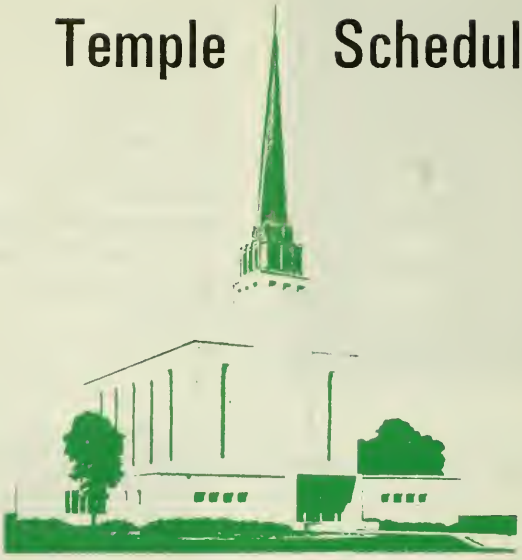


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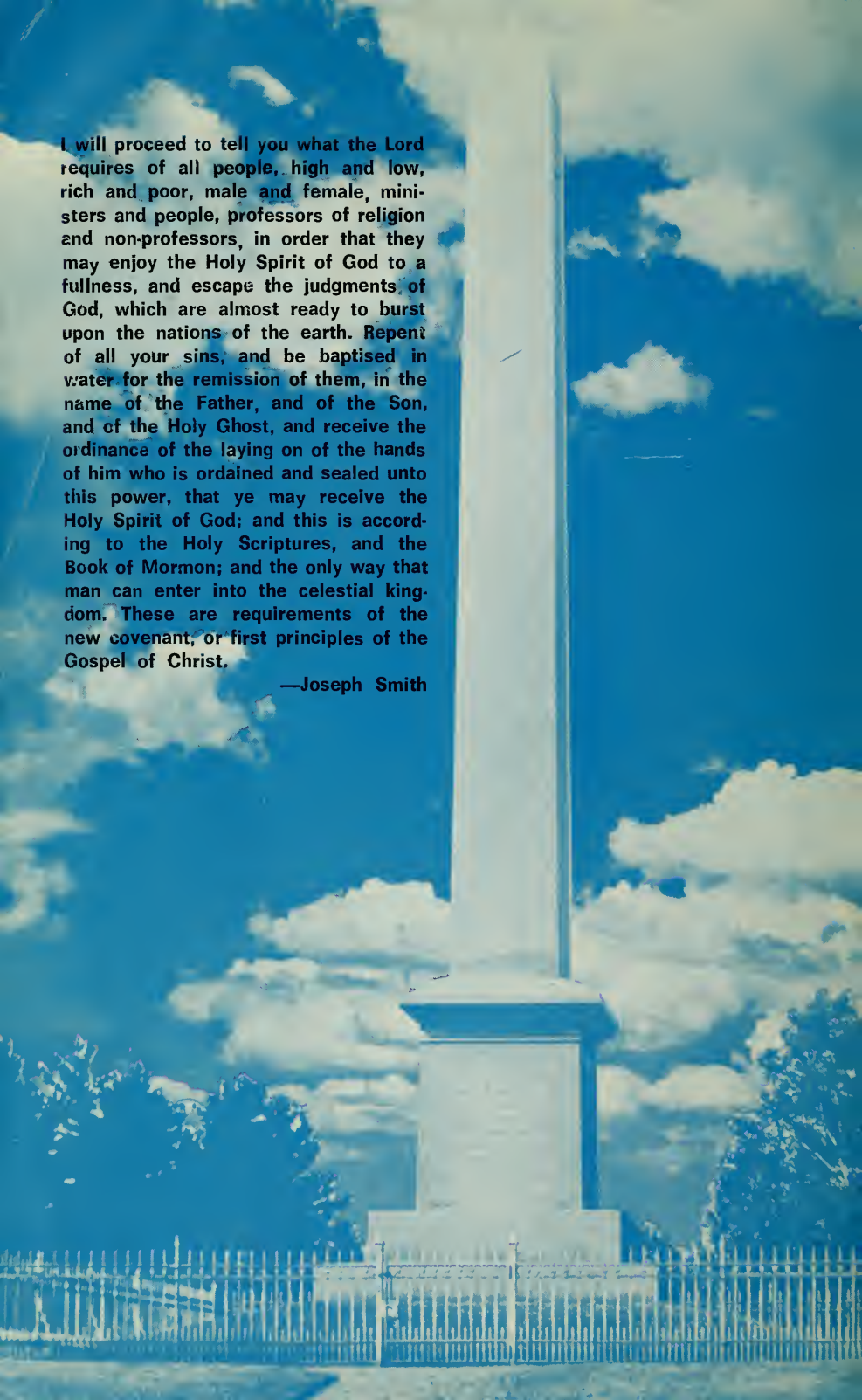
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I will proceed to tell you what the Lord requires of all people, high and low, rich and poor, male and female, ministers and people, professors of religion and non-professors, in order that they may enjoy the Holy Spirit of God to a fullness, and escape the judgments of God, which are almost ready to burst upon the nations of the earth. Repent of all your sins, and be baptised in water for the remission of them, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and receive the ordinance of the laying on of the hands of him who is ordained and sealed unto this power, that ye may receive the Holy Spirit of God; and this is according to the Holy Scriptures, and the Book of Mormon; and the only way that man can enter into the celestial kingdom. These are requirements of the new covenant, or first principles of the Gospel of Christ.

—Joseph Smith

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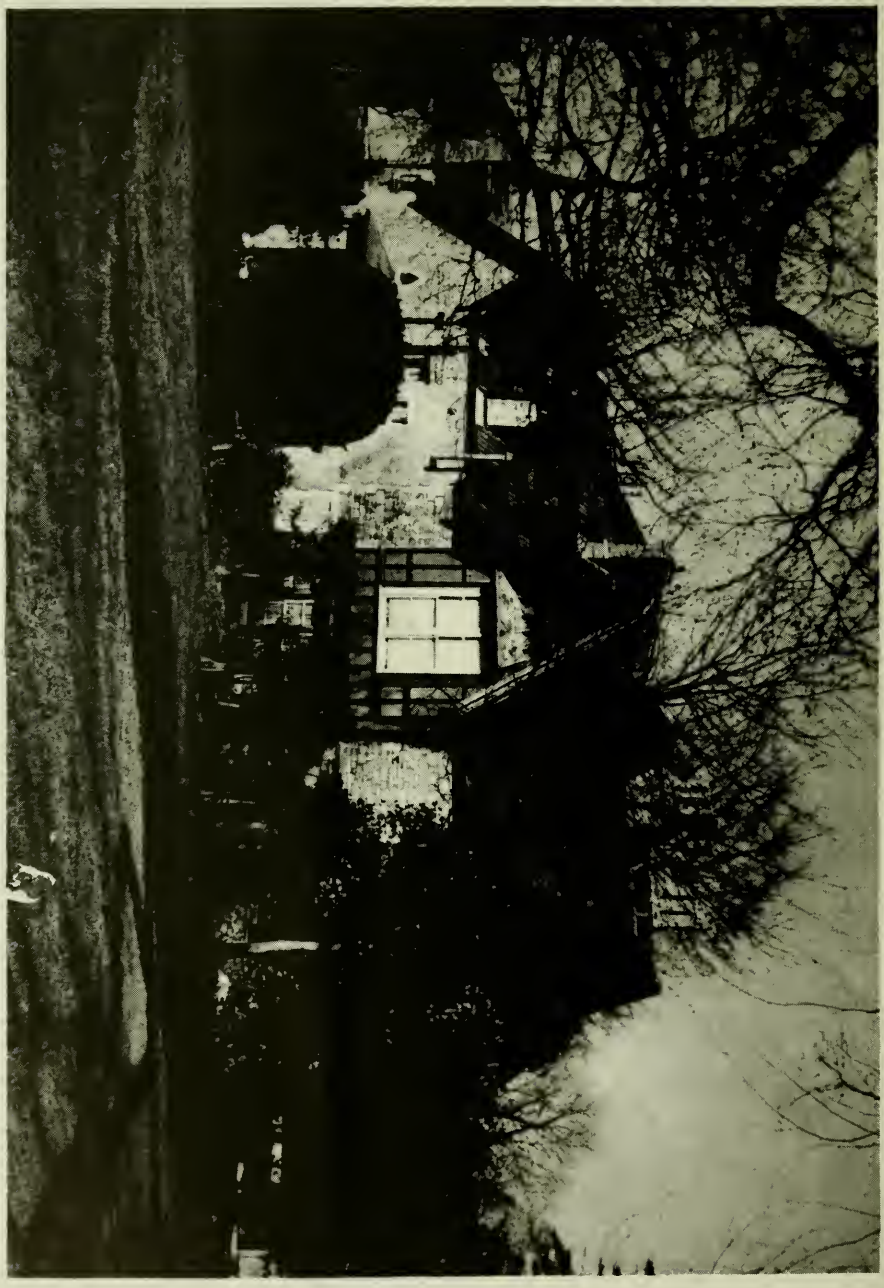


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Southwest British Mission

Headquarters At Bristol Where First Branch Was Organised

★ Missionary work in Bristol, England is first recorded in January, 1841, when a branch was organised consisting of nine members. Today, Bristol is the headquarters of the Southwest British Mission. On January 24, 1962 President N. Eldon Tanner announced in Hyde Park Chapel, London, that a new mission would be formed in the British Isles—the Southwest British Mission. Bristol was to be the new headquarters.

On Ivywell Road in Sneyd Park a lovely old house was bought which was to be the office and headquarters of the mission. Extensive repairs were made so that the mission home would be an acceptable place to keep records and important documents of the Church as well as a comfortable residence for the mission president, his family and the mission staff. The grounds of the "Well House" are lovely and spacious and add much to the spirit which presides there.

Chosen as the first mission president was A. Ray Curtis, who came from the United States in February, 1962. At the opening of the Southwest British Mission there were twelve districts; Bristol, Somerset, Gloucester, Royal Windsor, Reading, Guildford, Oxford, Plymouth, Southampton, Cornwall, Portsmouth, and South Coastal.

We are told in Proverbs 29: 18 that "Where there is no vision, the people perish". Joseph Smith said, "A task without a vision is drudgery; a vision without a task is a dream; a vision with a task is victory". Hence, an appropriate name for the helpful and necessary periodical was "The Vision". This brought inspiration from Pres. Curtis and other leaders of the mission to the missionaries, branch presidents and other throughout the mission.

At the formation of the mission the Church in this area prospered. Tithing increased, membership increased, percentage at meetings increased and the spirit of the Lord among the members was felt strongly. Truly the formation of this new mission was planned and inspired by the Lord. Many programmes in proselyting, fellowshipping, reactivation and other Church responsibilities helped the mission to grow. At the end of 1962 the mission was a completely organised function of the Church.

In 1964 the Southwest British Mission was divided and the British South Mission was formed. Portsmouth, Reading and Slough were taken from the Southwest British Mission and given to the British South Mission together with part of the British Mission.

In the early part of January Pres. Curtis, his wife, Sister Elaine B. Curtis,

and their children, Tom Curtis, and Jody Curtis were released from the mission field. The mark which they made upon this mission will never be forgotten, their righteousness, their obedience and their magnitude has affected all those who knew them and their memory will continue to inspire their many friends here.

On March 1, 1965, a new administation was to preside over the mission. Pres. Ray H. Barton and his family were met at the airport by Pres. Mark E. Petersen, Pres. A. Ray Curtis, and the mission home staff. Because of the unusual musical ability of the Barton family the spirit in the mission was high and jovial. Choirs were formed with Pres. Barton conducting. Concerts were given all over England and Wales. They made recordings with Decca Record Company in London and they were doing much good.

Another highlight of the years of Pres. Barton's leadership of this mission was when they had a competetive basketball team which travelled throughout Great Britain winning favour for the Church . After the games which the "Bristol Mormons" often won, Books of Mormon and Meet the Mormons were given to the opposing team. This resulted many times in conversions to the Gospel. The missionary basketball team was well known through England and advertised as the best team in the British Isles. They were popular for their conduct, clean living, good sportsmanship and exciting games.

On July 1st, 1965, South Wales officially became part of the Southwest British Mission being transferred from the Central British Mission. This added two districts to the mission, great leaders, and wonderful proselyting areas. Since this transfer, South Wales has consisently been one of the most successful parts of the mission for proselyting.

In July of 1967 Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw, Marie F. Bradshaw, his wife, and Myrtle Twitchell, Pres. Bradshaw's sister, who acts as cuisinere, were met at the airport by Pres. and Sister Barton and the mission staff. Pres. Bradshaw had come to preside over the mission in place of Pres. Barton, who had been released.

During Pres. Bradshaw's leadership of the mission, the work of the Lord has grown.

Following the council of the General Board of Y.M.M.I.A. Pres. Bradshaw was instrumental in organising scouting in the mission. In the early part of 1968 Scouting was organised. The first unit to be registered with the Scouts of Great Britain was the Bristol troop consisting of three patrols. Since that time scouting has been organised in two Wales Districts, Plymouth district, and South Costal District.

At the formation of the mission in 1962 there were no chapels, but under the leadership of Pres. Curtis and Pres. Barton, chaples were built in Merthyr Tydfil, Cardiff, Downend, Bristol, Wells Road Bristol, Poole, Plymouth and Cheltenham. At present there are three new chaples under construction. Newport, Gloucester, and one in Bristol which will soon be completed.

Membership of the Church since the formation of the Mission has soared to over 7,500. These saints have felt the influence and love of Pres. and Sister Bradshaw.



Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw and Marie F. Bradshaw.

Pres, Sister Bradshaw Came In June 1967 To Preside

★ Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw and his wife, Marie Flachman Bradshaw, were called to preside over the Southwest British Mission, June 28, 1967.

Pres. Bradshaw was born at Lyman, Wyoming, U.S.A. He was educated in Lyman and attended the University of Wyoming.

Pres. Bradshaw filled a mission in Eastern Canada in 1925-27. After which he moved to Salt Lake City where he met Marie Flachman. They were married in June 1929, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Pres. and Sister Bradshaw have two sons and two daughters who are all married and living in Salt Lake City, They have eighteen grand-children. One has been born since they have been in England.

Pres. Bradshaw has been active in many civic and church positions. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Sugar House, Utah and was president of Rotary International there.

He worked in the Boy Scouts of America as a Scout master and director of the Great Salt Lake Council. He was awarded the Silver Beaver award, the highest award a Council can give, for service to the young men of the Church.

Pres. Bradshaw has also filled many positions of responsibility in the Church He has served as a teacher in Sunday School, priesthood and M.I.A. and was superintendent of ward and Stake Sunday Schools, and stake superintendent of M.I.A. He served as counselor in the bishopric of two wards and as a bishop of the Hillcrest Ward in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has been a High Councilman, in Granite Stake as well as in the Grant Stake in Salt Lake City, Utah.

For six years he was a General Board member on the Y.M.M.I.A. He was serving in this capacity at the time he was called to preside over the Southwest British Mission.

Sister Bradshaw has been very active in the Church. She has served as teacher and co-ordinator in Jr. Sunday School for many years She was in the Primary presidency of the Ward as well as the stake. She has also served in ward and stake Relief Society presidencies. She was a leader of the Jr. Sunday School Co-ordinators in the stake for a number of years.

At the time of their mission call she was Social Relations leader in the Ward Relief Society. She has been secretary to her husband for many years and rearing a family who are all active in the Church.

THERE COMES A TIME
by Henry Street, Bournemouth Branch

There comes a time when breezes kiss the river,
And mystic dawn sets all the world aglow.
Amid the laughing faces of the flowers
I see you smile as you smiled long ago.

There comes a time, at noonday when I wander
Upon the hilltop neath the pattering rain,
The voice of nature suddenly is silent,
I hear you whisper Dearest once again.

There comes a time when night has wrapped in slumber,
The workers of the world and as I sleep,
Your arms enfold me and in dreams we wander.
There comes a time when death and life can meet.



Elder John Longden, left; Sister LaRue Longden, Marie F. Bradshaw, Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw, at Cardiff chapel and a district conference.



SWB Mission office staff, from left, front, Violet Jost, secretary; Marie F. Bradshaw Pres. Rulon Bradshaw, Myrtle Twitchell, cook. Back, Raymon Watson, Richard Horsley, Steven Bridge, Dan Davis, James Campbell, Kent Jones.

★Mission boards as at present constituted:

The accompaning picture shows from left Albert Gadsby and Derek Ireland, counselors; Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw, Ralph Pullman, and Sidney Kenchington, counselors.

The boards also include Dennis Armstrong superintendent of mission Sunday School; Dennis Collins, advisor geneaology; Arnold Jones, chairman of Aaronic Priesthood for Youth; Peter Blott, chairman of Adult Aaronic Priesthood; Marie F. Bradshaw, Auxiliaries supervisor: Vera Ireland, president Relief Society; Violet Reeson, Mary Collins, Ceinman Hillman, Marie Giles, counselors: Freda Entwhistle, Primary; Brian West, Young Men's M.I.A. superintendent; Bernice West, president of Y.W.M.I.A.



Bristol District

★ John Wesley's Methodist Church opened in June 3rd 1739, and was enlarged in 1748 into the present chapel which is the first Methodist church to be built and is therefore the oldest in the world. It is situated in the town center of Bristol, on Broadmead.

As you enter the large Iron gate from Broadmead, you are confronted with the life size statue of John Wesley, seated on his horse.

This statue designed and modelled by Gordon Walker, is one of the finest equestrain statues in great Britain.

There were no pews in the New room which opened in June 1739. The early Methodists sat on the benches which are now on the side, but were then in the centre, the men sitting on one side and the women on the other.

Altogether there were eighteen con-



Chapel, stable, statue of John Wesley at Bristol.

ferences held in the new room, during John Wesley's life time.

The small garden leading to the Horsefair is a haven of quiety and beauty, Here you will see the statue of Charles Wesley' Offering Christ' to all that pass by. This statue was the gift of Sir Arthur Sutherland of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.



New Wells Road Chapel in Bristol.



Down End Chapel in Bristol.



Southmead Chapel in Bristol nearing end of construction.



Old Bristol Chapel at Cheltenham Road.

BRISTOL II BRANCH

★ This year holds great promise for Bristol II Branch. In April their new Chapel will be complete and ready for worship and the many activities of the branch. This new chapel is the third to be built in recent times in Bristol. It is the first of its type in the mission. There have been problems and trials in constructing this building but the work has progressed and the end is now in sight. The members are convinced that the Lord has been mindful of them on their desires for a new chapel. Testimonies and friendships have grown in the effort.

Soon the premises at Cheltenham Road will be but a memory. The Branch has had happy times there but the time has come to move on.



First Scout leaders in Bristol troop, from left, Keith Nickless, Donald Osborn, Briant Day.

BRISTOL TROOP

★ The 38th Bristol Scout Troop was organised in June, 1968 after Two years of successful work with Vanguards. It is unique amongst Bristol Scout Troops as it is spread all over the city with 4 patrols divided between three branches. This has only been made possible by the utmost co-operation from various district commissioners.

Within a month of starting, a Patrol Leaders Training Camp was run followed by a troop camp of three days. Since then, the patrol leaders have organised a night hike themselves, and the 4th January saw an inter-patrol hike competition over the Mendip Hills involving high standards of mapping, and cooking.

Future plans involve participation in a Bristol Jamboree in June and a summer camp on the Gower Coast.

Gloucester District



Swindon Branch presidency, from left, Thomas Brown, clerk; Bertie E. Rose, 1st C., Pres. Lavar M. Butler, John Hobbs, 2nd C.

SWINDON BRANCH

★ Swindon, as its name suggests, was a small farming town when the Swindon Branch was organised in the early 1900's.

Swindon benefited from the planning schemes of the 1950's which re-distributed much of London's excess population into smaller towns. This continuing transfusion has boosted Swindon's population to 100,000, and added several housing and industrial growth rings to her circumference.

Swindon benefited from the planning town, The average Sacrament Meeting attendance is near 80. Six missionaries are presently serving in Swindon, two each in neighbouring Stroud and Marlborough. Preliminary plans are under way for a chapel.

Presently Swindon Branch is presided over by Pres. Lavar M. Butler, who came to Swindon from the States in March as managing director of Reliance Controls, Ltd.

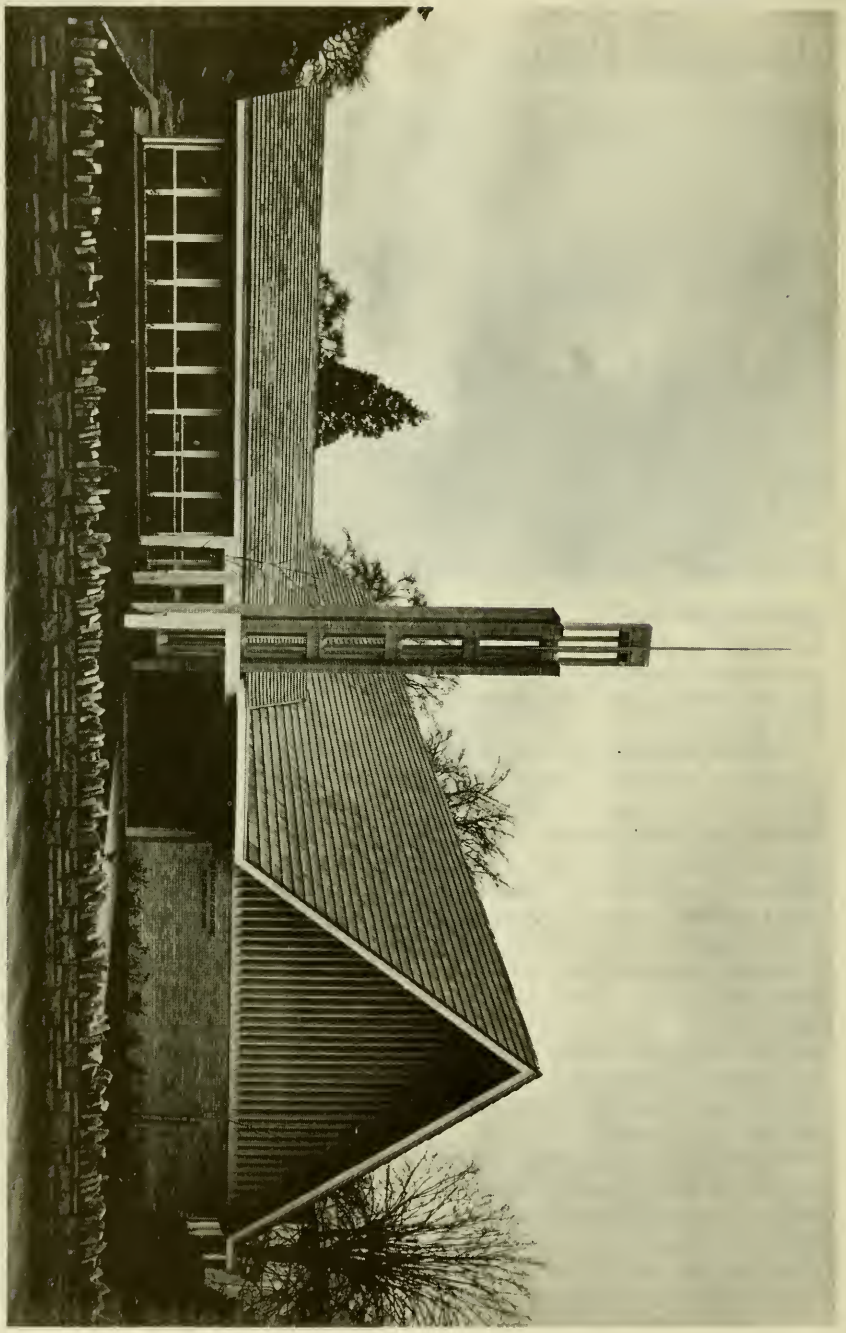
Counselors are Bertie E. Rose and John Hobbs, both converts. Branch clerk. Thomas Brown, and his family recently were sealed in London Temple.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH

★ The Gospel was being taught in the spa town of Cheltenham at least as early as 1840 when we know travelling elders held street meetings. It is recorded that Brigham Young preached here on one of his early missions to Britain There were many conversions and emigrations to 'Zion' about 1856.

Church members suffered considerable persecutions for their beliefs, and the scriptural prophesy 'one of a family' has been truly borne out here. The missionaries at least twice, barely escaped with their lives at the hands of vicious men.

Church services were held in homes and rented rooms until the end of the Second World War. During this trial as never before, the faithfulness of the members was tested. It should be re-



Cheltenham Chapel.

called that the missionaries had been withdrawn, the few local priesthood called into the services, and with no organised branch left, it fell to the sisters to arange to meet regularly. This they did, inviting visiting American service men to administer the sacrament each Sunday. Interweek Relief Society and Book of Mormon classes were held. It was a great day when the missionaries returned, and early in the 1950s the Church purchased an old Baptist chapel and renovated it to the needs of our growing community. This building served us until 1964 when the present chapel was opened.

South Coastal District



Situated on Wiltshire's desolate Salisbury Plain is Stonehenge, romantic and eerie. This is England's most notable prehistoric monument.

BOURNEMOUTH BRANCH

★ Missionaries arrived in Bournemouth to tract the area for the first time in 1948. In the Boscombe East area, they soon found people who were willing to listen to the Gospel Message. In a very short while, meetings were being held regularly at the Adult School Hall in Kimberley Road.

On the 25th February, 1949 the first convert, Brother W. Willoughby, was baptised and by 1950 the first Primary and M.I.A. meetings were organised. With these two auxiliaries firmly established, attention turned to further development—the organisation of Relief Society and Genealogy.

The Bournemouth Branch continued to grow until, five years later the membership numbered 92. In 1958, the branch moved to its present address at 4 St. Stephens Road.

Now, with a total of nearly 200 families, the Branch is working towards a new chapel. It is hoped that this will be achieved in the not too distant future.



Largest single area of inland water in England is at Poole, largest town in Dorset.

ST. HELIER BRANCH

★ Although it is traditionally understood that missionaries were on the Island of Jersey as early as 1840, there is no local record of a continuous membership here from that time. Sister Clare Harrison, who now resides at St. Helier House, has lived on the island for thirty five years as a member, having been baptised on the mainland in 1914.

Thomas and Enid Wills joined the Church while living for a brief period in New Zealand, and upon returning to Jersey in July of 1964 found no Church organisation on the island. After a number of requests for missionaries Elders Tueller and Jesperson arrived in September 1964. They held their first Sunday service with the Wills family, the only known members at that time.

Later a hall was hired for Sunday services, and eventually a couple, Ter-



Poole Chapel, South coastal District



Conference on the Island of Jersey when 57 of the 84 members were present.

ence and Marguerite Andrews were baptised in the sea on a cold November day. Following this experience a temporary font was constructed of tubular steel scaffolding and a tarpaulin. Curtains were made and hung around the edge. This was set up in the conservatory of the Wills residence. Water was heated for each service, and twenty nine souls were baptised in this font before it was supplanted by a fibreglass structure constructed by a local firm. The new font now serves in the hired hall the branch occupies in the South Telephone Exchange in St. Brelade.

The St. Helier Branch was formally organised the eighth day of August 1965 by Elder Mark E. Petersen, of the Council of the Twelve, with Thomas W. Wills as president.



St. Helier Branch officers and teachers with Pres. and Sister Baker, left, second row, Pres. and Sister Rulon Bradshaw, far right.

In the spring of 1967 Alexander Mackenzie was sustained as branch president. He, in turn was succeeded a year later by Elder Francis E. Carlisle, who, with his wife returned to their home in Salt Lake City Utah in June 1968. Elder and Sister Morris E. Baker of Burley, Idaho at present assist in the branch organisation with some seventy members on Jersey. Six proselyting missionaries are also serving here.

This little flock have enjoyed visits from Presidents A. Ray Curtis, Ray H. Barton Jr., Rulon H. Bradshaw, and their wives. The priesthood holders are unusually active; the auxiliaries are all organised and functioning. These are a happy, cooperative people, looking forward to the day when they can worship in a building dedicated to the Lord.

Wales West District

PEMBROKE BRANCH

★ The Pembroke Branch was formed as an independent branch in October, 1968. Previously it had been dependent on Swansea. The branch covers a wide area including St. Clears, Witland, Newport, Haverfordwest, Narbeth, Cardigan, Carmarthen and Pembroke. The present membership has reached 65 and the branch is receiving support from the missionaries from Tenby.

Brother Leslie Arundel, a member of the branch was baptised in 1930 at a time when there were many members of the Church in the area. Later, however, the numbers declined with some families moving away and others lost interest during the war years when there was little Church activity. When the missionaries returned after the war the numbers again increased. Now with eight elders in the district, coupled with the efforts of the established branches, they anticipate continued growth.

Swansea is a proud city, but its pride is not in antiquity for there are not many ancient things here; its pride is in its own achievements and more especially in its museums and art collections. The Royal Institution of South Wales contains a fine collection of Welsh exhibits.

Wales East District

CARDIFF, Glam.

★ Cardiff has grown, in little more than 150 years, from a sizeable village to become capital of the Principality of Wales, a major seaport, and a university city. Its prosperity dates mainly from the docks, introduced by the Marquess of Bath in the early 19th century.

Cardiff Castle. Robert, Duke of Normandy, was confined here for 28 years following his defeat by his younger brother, Henry I of England, at the Battle of Tenchebrai (Normandy) in 1106 (Normandy remained annexed to the English Crown until the reign of King John). A motte with wooden buildings was raised in 1093 on the site of

a Roman fortification; the present stone keep was erected to replace the wooden buildings in the late 12th century and additions were made in the 15th century and each century following. In 1861 the 3rd Marquess of Bute and William Burges designed additions in the Gothic, Arab and Classical Greek idioms. The Arab Room represents a harem with trellised windows, and throughout the decoration is a riot of inventiveness and allegory, often in exotic materials—lapis lazulli, for example.

Roman Fort. Adjoining the fine open spaces which surround Cardiff's civic centre, there stands a Roman fort. Built about the end of the 3rd century, it is of the same pattern as the later forts of the Saxon Shore, with rectangular corners and projecting bastions. It was placed here to protect the harbour and coast against the raids of Irish pirates. Its special spectacular interest lies in the fact that a former Lord Bute, its owner, had its curtain wall completely reconditioned, even to the castellation along the wall-top, so that, standing in a modern main street, the exact semblance of a late Roman fort may be viewed.

Barry, with its three great docks, has grown in sixty years from a tiny village to a large port. From Barry Island, really a peninsula, there are fine views over the Bristol Channel towards the Somerset and Devon coasts.

CARDIFF BRANCH

★ The Cardiff Branch Chapel is located in the beautiful Rhiwbina residential area of Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. The Chapel, which was completed in October, 1966, and dedicated March 3, 1968, is easily one of the most outstanding places of worship in the city. It is not only beautiful but also has the quality of great utility. It will serve both as a spiritual center and also the varied activity needs of the Welsh-East District and the immediate Cardiff area.



Cardiff, Wales Branch, from left, Sidney Kitt, counselor; Pres. William H. Harless Sr., Cyril M. Coombs, Rupert A. Cocoran, counselors.

The Cardiff Branch was first organised in 1923 with two famiilies. It struggled through conditions of severe persecution in the early years and was closed for a period during the Second World War. Re-opened in 1946, the branch had tremendous growth in its Conway Road location in the 1950's and this led to the selection of a site and the construction of the Chapel in the mid-1960's. The membership now is beyond the 400 mark and looks forward to a great period of further growth and service in the work of the Lord in the future.

Plymouth District



Sir Francis Drake statue.

PLYMOUTH, Devon

★ Sir Francis Drake returned to Plymouth's natural harbour in September 1580 after circumnavigating the world. In 1620, the Pilgrim Fathers departed from it to settle in the New World. As a precaution against Roundhead trouble, Charles II built the great citadel which dominates city and harbour; its ramparts are 20 feet thick in places. The Elizabethan zone of Plymouth is known as the Barbican: The Mayflower Steps here commemorate the departure of the Pilgrim Fathers.

City Museum and Art Gallery. The Reynolds family portraits, Joshua Reynold's diaries and the Cottonian Collection of pre-1800 paintings, drawings and printed books are among the displays in this museum. The paintings include old masters, contemporary works and the Clarendon Collection of portraits. The collection of fine silver,

though small, includes the Drake Cup and the Eddystone Salt. Pottery and porcelain are represented, with emphasis on Cookworthy's Plymouth and Bristol hardpaste. There are also departments of archaeology and natural history.

Eddystone Lighthouse (Re-Erected) On Plymouth Hoe is one of the world's most important 18th-century lighthouses. Some 14 miles south of Plymouth the Eddystone reef was the setting of the first true rock station, the earliest being wooden, built in 1698, followed in 1708 by a wood and stone building which survived until burnt in 1755. Four years later John Smeaton's tower showed its light, and this tower, rebuilt on the Hoe after the present lighthouse replaced it in 1882, was the first scientifically designed and jointed masonry structure to be built, serving as a model until the era of reinforced concrete.

★ The Plymouth District covers the County of Devon, noted for its rich agricultural land, rolling hills and seaside resorts. These result in many visiting Saints attending meetings during the holiday season at the five branches of Barnstaple, Exeter, Newton Abbot, Plymouth and Torbay.

Founded in 1960 under the presidency of Stephen L. Winters an American, the Plymouth District has seen five subsequent British presidents, the present holder Donald V. Norris having been set-apart in 1966. A Chartered Gas Engineer, Pres. Norris was baptised in November 1963 whilst resident in Truo, Cornwall, and moving to Torbay became branch president in 1965 where he served till his district call. Both his counselors, Bros. R. E. Wallace and E. Perry are former presidents of the Plymouth and Exeter Branches respectively.

The two main goals of the presidency are to have the Plymouth Chapel, opened in 1966, dedicated and to achieve stakehood. Both will need much dedication to achieve.

NEWTON ABBOT BRANCH

★ Newton Abbot is a market town situated five miles from Torquay. The branch was organised in 1956 and meetings were then held in a very small cottage in the village of Kingsteignton which is one mile from Newton Abbot.

While the Newton Abbot Branch



Plymouth District presidency and council, Pres. Don B. Norris, Robert Wallace, 1st C.; Edwin J. Perry, 2nd C.; Roger H. Evinton, clerk; Eugene A. Anthony, assistant clerk.

has a site for a chapel, the members presently meet in the Unitarian Church in Albany Street, Newton Abbot. This arrangement is very convenient to members as the Unitarians only hold one service a month in this Chapel. That happens to be in the evening of the first Sunday of each month. This time is not needed by the branch members as it is Fast Sunday when no evening service is held.

The membership stands at 102.

TORQUAY (TORBAY) BRANCH

★ The Torbay Branch area includes the seaside town of Paignton, the fishing port of Brixham and the ancient borough of Totnes as well as the internationally famous resort of Torquay; and many readers will be familiar with this beautiful part of South Devon. Those who have settled there appreciate the mild winter climate and freedom from fog.

The Branch was formed seven years ago, prior to which the local Saints were members of the Branch at Newton Abbot, a town about six miles from Torquay. Branch membership now stands at 130.

The branch president is Roy East, a professional musician who has played with such famous bands as those of Ted Heath and Johnny Dankworth. President East's 1st Counselor is Paul Bartlett, a local government officer, and his 2nd counsellor is Brian Poole (also branch clerk), a skilled mechanical engineer. The branch is fortunate in having the Plymouth District president, Don Norris, as a member.

Following the amalgation, for local government purposes, of Torquay, Paignton and Brixham to form the County Borough of Torbay (total population approx. 103,000), it has been agreed that the name of the Branch be altered accordingly and in future, therefore, it will be known as the Torbay Branch.

A scheme for raising money for the building fund has recently been launched and it is hoped that it will not be



Torquay (Torbay) Branch presidency, Paul Bartlett, left, 1st C; Pres. Roy East, Brian Poole, 2nd C.

long before a Mormon chapel is added to the attractive Torbay scenery.



Goonhilly Downs



Exeter presidency, Dan M. Clawson, 1st C.; Pres Merrill Heimendinger and Malcolm J. Crocker, 2nd C.



Fishing Trawlers in the inner harbour, Brixham.



2nd Quorum of Elders presidency, William S. Soper, president.



Plymouth Branch Primary Pres. Pearl White and Joyce Folley.



Sister Ann Coleman, Plymouth District Relief Society secretary also an antipue dealer and professional genealogist.



Plymouth Branch Relief Society presidency, from left, Sheila Rothwell, Marian Austin, Jean Knowles with Joan Bennett, president, front.



Plymouth Branch presidency, from left, front, Gordon Howell, Pres. Jack Marshall, David Widdecombe; back, Don Lake, John Houston Jr., Fred Knowles, Albert Trotter.

Southwest British Mission Area

Cornwall District

★ The Cornwall District was organised January 1st, 1964. Heber Done—a missionary—was the first district president. At this time there were two Cornish Branches—Helston and Falmouth/Truro, and 192 members. Two other branches were quickly organised at Redruth and St. Austell and these four branches along with dependent Newquay Branch now constitutes the district.

The first member to be called as district president was Hugh Mc.Dermott of Helston, and when he left the district in January, 1966, Graham Pearce of St. Austell became president—at the age of 25 the youngest man to be called to this position in the mission. His counselor is Lesley Seddon of Redruth.

At present, the district totals 350 Saints, and members of the district auxiliary presidencies may be found in every branch. The district wholeheartedly believes in gathering the branches together often and in various spiritual and social events throughout the year.



Cornwall District Pres. Graham Pearce and Leslie Seddon, 1st C.

HELSTON BRANCH

★ The Helston Branch was first organised with Brother H. F. Done as president. All of the members of the Church in Cornwall then met at Helston and were led by Pres. Done. Helston is the place where the ancestors of the late President Henry D. Moyle came from. To commemorate this, a tract of land was purchased for the eventual construction of a chapel. The branch has met in the past at Five Wall Lane where the rain came in and it was cold and damp. The spirit was great, however, and the branch progressed.

Brother H. Leng was the next branch president and it was through his great efforts that they now have a comfortable hall to meet in. The present branch presidency are R. Rodda assisted by E. J. Bray and A. Oliver. They work diligently and serve the branch well.

REDRUTH BRANCH

★ In January, 1964 the Redruth Branch was formed with a missionary elder presiding. At this time they met in a small room of a hotel. The membership increased until it was necessary to move into a larger hall over Burton's Tailors. This was done in April, 1964 when Bro. S. Jeffcock became branch president with Bro. J. Liddemont and Bro. L. Seddon as counselors. At this time there was a regular attendance of 25 to the Sunday Services.

President Jeffcock and his family emigrated to the United States and a family of six moved to New Zealand thus depleting the numbers by ten. Brother L. Seddon became branch president and is still in office. For a short time there have only been a few attending regularly, but the numbers are now growing thanks to the efforts of the missionaries.

Recently they have had three baptism in three weeks. The branch will continue to grow, they are confident.



Cornwall District Presidency & Branch Presidents.

Helston Branch Relief Society Pres. I. Rodda and counselors F. Bray and R. Harris.





Helston Branch Pres. R. Rodda and counselors E. Bray and A. Oliver.

Sister J. Oliver, Helston Branch Primary president with counselors E. Bray and N. Harris.





Sunday School Supt. E. Bray of Helston Branch with C. G. Harris, asst. supt.; J. Oliver, secretary; E. Bray, pianist and N. E. Harris, chorister.



Helston Branch YM MIA supt. J. F. Harris; YWMIA Pres. J. Oliver; E. Bray, and N. Harris, assistant superintendents, YM MIA.

Somerset District

YEOVIL BRANCH

★ The Yeovil Branch was founded 6 years ago when Bro. 'Dan' Kimberley was directed to retire there in answer to prayer. Bro. Kimberley came from Bradford and in those early days devoted himself to build a branch with a firm foundation. Although ill health had followed him for many years he was given the strength to work among the many converts that the Elders were bringing into the branch. Pres. Rowland Elvidge moved to the Yeovil branch 3 years ago to become the branch president, his wife Barbara was able to add a musical lift and with their 4 children they devoted themselves to building up the branch.

Pres. Elvidge is supported by Bro. Ken Walker and Bro. Chris Allen and along with Bro. Noel Parsons the branch clerk they are actively engaged in ensuring the smooth running of all the auxiliaries and building programme.



Bro. Len Watts of Taunton Branch.

Taunton and Chard branches are dependent on the Yeovil Branch, Bro. Len Watts a district councilman takes care of the Taunton Branch and Bro.

Ernest Stallard the presiding elder at Chard. Both these brethren are ernest workers in the Church.



Yeovil Branch presidency, from left, Ken Walker and Chris Allen, counselors; Pres. R. Elvidge

Longleat Palace



LONGLEAT HOUSE

★ A great early Renaissance house, began for Sir John Thymme in 1568. Thymne had bought the land and original priory buildings as Longleat in 1541, He at once set about building a new house, but much was destroyed by fire in 1567. A year later the Architect Robert Smythson arrived on the scene

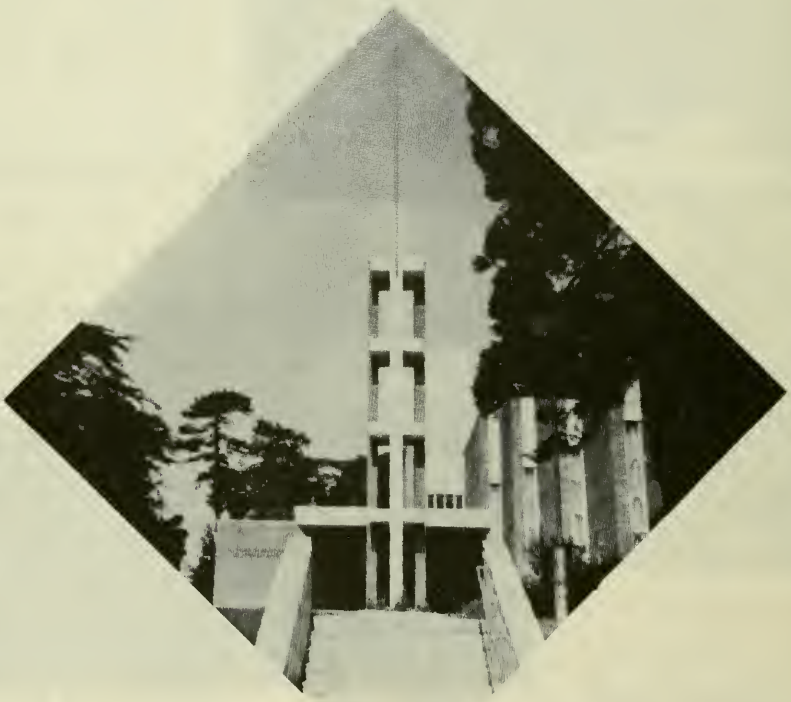
and work on the present house began, but was not finished when Thymne died in 1580.

Longleat, one of the great exploits of Elizabethan architecture, is symmetrical, except for the great hall, found to one side, as in most medieval houses: Sir Jeffry Wyatville made alterations to the house in 1807. The magnificent state rooms contain fine furniture and paintings, and include a superb library.

The mansion and colourful gardens are in the middle of a park, landscaped by Capability Brown. There are over 200 acres of the most lush green gardens, with beautiful flowers, part of this land has now been made into the Longleat Lion farm where one may find lions roaming at will.

Part of the garden has been made into an animal refuge. Where one may find Giraffe's Zebra's, Deer, and many other animals can be found there. The Lion farm is separated by a high wire fence.

Every year many tourists come to this estate and marvel at the grandeur of the gardens and of the lions who have found refuge there.



Plymouth Chapel

RELIEF SOCIETY

★ The Southwest British Mission Relief Society was organised on the 1st February, 1962, with Elaine B. Curtis as president and Gladys Winter and Elsye Dowdall as counselors. During the ensuing seven years the presidency has changed three times. Shortly before Sister Curtis returned to the Statss Jean Brimley was called as president, after which Irene Green was called as the first British Mission Relief Society president here in the Southwest. The present board, working under Supervisor Marie Bradshaw are all local sisters. They are President Vera Ireland, Counselors Violet Reeson, Marie Giles, Mary Collins and Ceinwen Hillman.

The number of Relief Society members have increased enormously during the past seven years and several dependent Relief Society organisations have been formed.

Successful Visiting Teaching Conventions have been held in all eight districts during the past two years, when Visiting Teachers were honoured for their service.

Cornwall District won a prize in a nation-wide competition with a quilt they designed and made, it went on show in London. Bristol District last year held a Comedy Playlet competition, Branches in the district wrote, produced and presented playlets from 3 of their Relief Societies. It was so successful that they plan to make it an annual event. We have many talented sisters in the mission. Short Story Competitions and Poem Competitions are held annually.

★ The Relief Societies of the Church take pride in teaching their women to be better home-makers, through diligent leaders who give of their time to help women to fill their rolls as mothers



Wales West District Garden Fete, a Relief Society stall.



Barry Branch stall at the Wales East District Bazaar.

with dignity, and with a desire to help mankind to make a better world in which to live, by up-grading their homes and teaching their children to walk in righteousness. No nation can rise above its homes, from the homes of our nations come the leaders of our nations.

This is the purpose and strength of the Relief Society of the Southwest British Mission.

A seminar and workshop was held recently at the Mission home in Bristol, for district and mission Relief Society sisters. Many arts and crafts were dis-



Relief Society Mission presidency of SWB Mission, from left, Cein Hillman, counselor; Marie Bradshaw, supervisor; Vera Ireland, president; Mary Collins, and Marie Giles, counselors.

played and instructions given, on how to make them.

A lovely lunch was served at noon. The workshop was under the direction of Sister Marie Bradshaw, auxiliary supervisor, assisted by Sister Myrtle Twitchell.

DAVID, OUR SON

by Peter Wheat, Bournemouth Branch

Sweet child of God, how we love thee,
Bewildered by each new thing you see.
Innocent, unspoiled by earth's long toil,
Untained from life's evil turmoil.

Little arms, which around us cling,
Happy voice so quick to sing.
Thou who fill our hearts with glee,
Saying, Mummy, Daddy, I love thee,

Tiny hands, which hold on tight,
Thoughts which mirror all things clear and bright.
Small strong legs which love to run,
From birth of dawn, to set of sun.

We are pledged, your life to direct,
In the straight and narrow path, correct.
We pray you to God's plan will cloy,
David, our young Mormon boy.



Prize Winning Short Story

In A Mysterious Way

by Nancy Sanderson, of Hull, Yorks.

★ It was one of those mornings, unfortunately so rare in this country of ours, when the sun is shining and the air is faintly scented with lime trees and roses and there is a freshness over everything, which can only come after heavy summer rain. Birds were singing everywhere when Edna Wilson opened her front door, and put the milk bottles outside with a great deal of unnecessary rattling and banging. The lovely morning was entirely wasted on Edna, she never even noticed the blackbird hopping down the garden path; she was too busy thinking of her own troubles. She was an attractive woman in her late twenties; at least, she would have been attractive if she had taken a little trouble over her appearance. On this particular morning she had not even bothered to comb her hair, and her dress was decidedly grubby.

"All right, I'm coming" she called as she banged the front door shut and went through to the kitchen. Her husband, Jack, was sitting at the table reading a newspaper and the baby was crying in the pram. "Why don't you feed that baby?" asked Jack from behind the newspaper "I'm sick of hearing her cry." Edna did not answer, but busied herself with a pan of milk on the cooker. The kitchen reflected the appearance of Edna, it was a pleasant room, with bright curtains and modern furniture, but over everything a film of dust and there were piles of unironed baby clothes in one chair and books and papers littered over the settee. The table where Jack had just finished his breakfast, was piled high with dirty crockery left over from the night before.

Jack sighed, stood up and stretched, "Well, I'm off now, see you tonight" he said, as he got to the door he turned round "Try to clean this place up a bit, love, I may bring George home with me tonight". Edna just looked at him and said nothing, so he closed the door, and she knew that he had gone. Great tears rolled down her cheeks, and she made no attempt to check them. Luckily the baby had fallen asleep again. Edna sat down at the table and buried her head in her folded arms and sobbed. How unhappy she was, what had happened to her? She used to be so gay and full of life and her house was her pride and joy. If Jack had suggested bringing a friend home she was highly delighted and always cooked something special to please him; she knew he was proud of her and she loved him utterly. Then the baby had come and her happiness had been complete, for now they had everything, a nice little home, good wages coming in, a baby, and love which surrounded them all with a security which she could feel.

The baby was fretful from the start, she was healthy enough, but cried a lot and always wanted attention. Edna got behind with her housework and one night Jack brought a friend home and the while house was in chaos. Edna was so ashamed, they only had a tin of baked beans in the house. When George had gone there had been a terrible row, Jack said he had been patient long enough and surely she had got used to looking after a baby by now. He had seen other girls going out with prams looking so attractive and happy. So that was it, he thought she was a drudge, he as much as said so, and he was noticing other girls too. She had looked at herself in the mirrow. Jack was right, what a mess just was not time to do her hair and face, and the baby was crying again. she looked now, but, oh dear, there

Edna thought of how they had only been to church once since the baby was blessed, they belonged to a small branch, which needed help desperately to keep it going. The branch president had called once or twice, but there was always an excuse. Jack was a very good man, but inclined to be lazy, and needed a push now and again from Edna, so he never complained when they stayed at home every Sunday. All these things passed through Edna's mind as she sat there at the table, "Oh God" she whisperded "Please help. . ." then there was a terrific explosion, the whole house rocked. She gripped the edge of the table and a pile of plates fell clattering to the floor. She heard a long shrill scream, then dead silence. "Baby" was her first thought, she was still sleeping peacefully, so she rushed out of the back door, but could see nothing. It must have been at the Owen's house next door—she jumped over the low fence and shouted "Mary Mary" but only the silence greeted her. She opened the Owen's door and went into the kitchen, the first thing she noticed was a powerful smell of gas and a haze of smoke hung in the air. Bob Owen, who was the same age as Jack, was sprawling across the table and Mary, his wife, was lying, face down, near the open oven door of the cooker.

A voice was calling from upstairs "Mummy, Mummy". The Owens had two children, Anne who was four and little John aged one and a half.

As Edna took in the scene Bob sat up and said "What happened?" he seemed alright but slightly dazed. Without a second thought Edna flung the window open and knelt on the floor beside Mary. She gently turned her over on to her back, she was quite limp and her face was deathly pale, and blood was trickling from a cut on the side of her head where she had knocked it. She still had a match box in her hand and there were matches scattered allover the floor, Edna turned to Bob, "Fetch me a cushion and a blanket quickly" she said, and together they made Mary comfortable, then Edna said, "Now you go upstairs and see to the children while I phone for an ambulance, then I will come straight back". Bob nodded and went blindly to the stairs from where a little voice was still calling "Mummy Mummy".

Edna rushed back over the fence and telephoned for the ambulance and was going back to the Owens' house when she saw Miss Brown in her garden, she lived at the other side of the Owens. She was quite old, nobody knew her exact age, but she had three cats and a bay window full of assorted geraniums which somehow managed to flower all the year round. She always

'kept herself to herself' as she put it. "Oh dear what has happened, are the Owens safe, can I do anything?" the words came tumbling out of her shaking lips.

There has been an accident and the ambulance is on the way, will you help me with the children" Edna hurriedly explained. Miss Brown nodded, and squeezed through a gap in the hedge. Together they entered the Owens' house. Bob was bringing the children downstairs and Edna told Miss Brown to take them both to her house and would she look after the baby too, until she had seen Mr. and Mrs. Owen safely into the ambulance.

Mary was still unconscious, and Bob was in a daze when the ambulance arrived, Edna explained what had happened and in no time Mary and Bob were on their way to the hospital. Edna hurried home again and Miss Brown was nursing little John and talking to Anne.

Between them Edna and Miss Brown looked after the children, did the washing, and Miss Brown went shopping and brought home enough food for both families for two or three days. After lunch when the children were all asleep Edna went to the Owen's house and cleared up the mess in the kitchen. The curtains were ruined, so she took them down, and when she had finished it didn't look too bad, but poor Bob would have to paint the walls and ceiling again.

Later in the afternoon Bob arrived home, Mary was to stay in the hospital overnight for observation but he was feeling much better. "Right" said Edna, "Now you go and get some sleep, and I will give you a shout when Jack comes home at about 6 o'clock and you must come and have a meal with us."

The rest of the afternoon passed like lightning, the children were very good and Edna's baby never cried at all, she was too busy watching Anne and little John. Miss Brown did all the ironing while Edna cooked an enormous meal for them all.

At six o'clock when Jack, accompanied by George arrived home, Jack was amazed because he could hear voices and children laughing and no baby crying. He opened the kitchen door, and the room was full of people —or so it seemed. Edna was busy at the table which was laid as if for a party, and there was a wonderful smell of steak and kidney pie. It was the expression on Edna's face which surprised him most. She was still untidy and had the same grubby dress on and her face was flushed with cooking, but she looked up eagerly as he entered and her eyes were bright and full of life again.

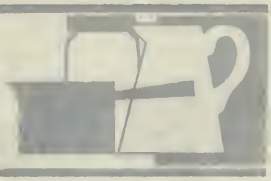
"What's all this?" Jack asked. "I'll tell you while we're eating, now come on George, you sit here and you there Jack, and Miss Brown at the other side so you can look after little John and I will see to Anne, baby has gone to bed, she was tired out with all the excitement, and she's fast asleep already".

So they all sat down, and Jack had the best meal he had had for months, while Miss Brown and Edna explained all that had happened during the day. "I'll help you to repaint the kitchen Bob, if you like, and we will soon have it looking O.K. again". Jack said wanting to do his bit to help, and Bob was only too pleased.

George left, Bob took his children home to bed (Edna and Miss Brown

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RECIPES FOR YOU



by Sister Myrtle Twitchell, Mission Cook

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

1 c shortening
¾ c brown sugar firmly packed
¾ c white sugar
3 eggs beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. soda
1 c walnuts
2 T hot water
2½ C sifted flour
1 Pkg. chocolate chips, (Polka Dots)

Cream shortening and both sugars, add beaten eggs, hot water and vanilla and beat well, sift flour, soda and salt together and add to mixture. Add chocolate chips and nuts.

Mix thoroughly drop by spoonsful on a greased baking sheet. Bake 350 for 15 minutes.

HEAVENLY CHOCOLATE PIE

I Cup sifted all purpose flour
¾ tsp. salt
⅓ cup shortening
3 or 4 tbls. cold water
2 eggs whites
½ tsp. vinegar
¼ tsp. cinnamon optional
½ cup sugar

Combine flour and ½ tsp salt in mixing bowl. Rub in shortening until consistency of coarse meal. Sprinkle Water, 1 tbls. at a time, over mixture tossing quickly and lightly with fork until dough is just moist enough to hold together. Prick generously with fork. Bake at 450 Deg. F for 12 Min. until golden brown.

Beat together egg whites, vinegar, cinnamon and remaning ¼ tsp. salt until stiff but not dry. Gradually add sugar and beat until very stiff. Spread meringue over bottom and sides of baked pastry shell. Bake at 325 Deg. F. for 15 or 18 minuets. until lightly browned. Cool, fill with chocolate cream filling.

RECIPES FOR YOU



BROWNIES

3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 Knob buter or margarine
2 squares chocolate
1 cup flour
tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt

Sift all together, add 1 tsp. vanilla, and 1 cup nuts chopped. Melt together and cool. Bake in 350 to 375 F. oven about 20 minutes.

by Marie F. Bradshaw

STUFFED PORK CHOPS

6 Pork chops, cut 1½ inches thick. Have butcher cut a pocket in side for stuffing Fill with your favorite stuffing.

Fry pork chops on both sides until brown. Put in a flat baking dish. Pour sauce of 2 cups pineapple juice that has been slightly thickened with flour, over pork chops. Baste Frequently.

Put 1 slice of pineapple on top of each pork chop. Bake for 1 hour at 300 Deg.

BARBEQUED CHICKEN SAUCE

1 c wesson oil
2 tbl. salt
1 tsp. white pepper
2 tbl. paprika
¼ tsp. onion powder
2 chickens

Clean, and cut in half, lay flat in dripper pan. Then baste frequently. Bake for ½ hour or until a golden brown on one side at 400 Deg. then turn the chicken on other side and bake for ½ hour or until chicken is golden brown, be sure to baste frequently.

RECIPES FOR YOU

PINEAPPLE CHIFFON PIE

6 eggs separated
1-½ cups sugar
¼ tsp. salt
2 tbls. lemon juice
1 c crushed pineapple & juice

Beat egg yolks slightly add pineapple, ¾ c sugar cook over hot water till custard like. Remove from heat and while hot add 1 packet gelatin dissolved in ¼ c cold water. Cool and add lemon juice. Add salt to egg whites. Beat till stiff, add the remaining sugar ¾ cup gradually add to custard mixture. Fill baked shell and top with whipped cream.

by Sister D. Leckey, Bournemouth Branch

NORWEGIAN APPLE CAKE

Ingredients:

2 eggs, 9 oz. castor sugar; 3¾ oz. butter; just over ¼ pt. top of milk, or creamy milk; 6½ oz. plain flour; 2 rounded teasp. baking powder; 3 or 4 Bramley cooking apples.

Method:

Whisk the eggs and 8 oz. sugar together until whisk leaves a trail when lifted out of the mixture. Put the butter and milk into a pan and bring to the boil. Stir this boiling liquid into the eggs and sugar. Fold in the sifted flour and baking powder thoroughly until there are no lumps of flour. Pour the mixture into a large buttered and floured roasting tin. Peel and core and slice the apples; arrange them over the batter and sprinkle the 1 oz. of sugar on top.

Gas mark 6. 400 degrees F. for 20 to 25 minutes. When cooked, allow to cool in the tin, then cut into slices, delicious served with fresh cream.



Myrtle Twitchell

A Big Trout

By Peter Wheat, Bournemouth Branch

★ We first fished the stream as small boys—stream did I say? In reality it was litle more than a collection of shallow pools, each joined to the next by a trickle of clear sparkling water, which weaved its narrow passage through thick, overhanging bushes and waist high grass.

Nowhere, not even in the largest pool near the copse did the span exceed five feet, and only after severe rains was there any appreciable depth. Our interest at that time did not include angling—that was a higher delight still to come—but already, in the breast of the embryo fisher, the magnetic pull of the waterside grew strong. We delighted, my friend and I, in this simple country trickle, its fascination and surprise.

Each visit brought fresh experience. We enjoyed paddling the cool flow as we pushed a pioneer trail through the heavy growth in search of . . .? We knew not what.

With the passage of time we brought nets and jam jars along on our trips, catching minnows, bullheads and loaches, with long sweeps of the net through the weeds and under the banks.



I retained a great number of these captives in an old bath at the end of the garden; some lived some died, but I never ceased to wonder and indeed marvel, at these small fry as they circled around in the white confines of the tub.

My angling instinct was fortunately allowed to gain life and flourish in a home atmosphere of understanding and toleration at my watery escapades, with the resulting torn and dirty clothes. Later, the natural urge to explore the stream beyond the field became too great and one day we scrambled through the barbed wire and continued our safari upstream.

The banks here were less bushy, and the slightly bigger pools, edged with erosion exposed roots, seemed that much more interesting. On this first upstream visit we discovered, to our intense delight, that the trickle contained fish other than the abundant small fry of our jam jar days. A swirl appeared along the edge of the far bank where the grassy tussocks overhung the water.

We moved closer and the swirl appeared again. Slowly we worked our way towards the edge until it was just



possible to see into the clear pool. But despite the absolute clarity, we could at first see nothing apart from the patchwork of weeds over the sandy bottom.

Then it moved! The spotted form rose slowly until it was just beneath the surface, turned and flipped to the bottom—the swirl appeared for the third time. "Trout" said my companion in a squeaky excited voice. I think it was at that moment that we both resolved inwardly to catch this fish for ourselves.

At first, in our ignorance, we tried the small fry nets, but alas our expertise with minnows was all to no avail against this bigger, more wily quarry.

Inevitably, the transition to rod and line fishing was made. My friend's father, hearing of our exploits, made him a traditional boy's outfit—garden cane, strong thread, and what we call eel hooks. On our next visit we baited with a thick lobworm, and dangled it over the spot where we had seen the trout. No response; we fished on, first one then the other taking turns at the rod, twitching and jerking the half dead worm as best we could.

It was a hot day and by early afternoon we were both sprawled on our sides watching the now idol rod—the top nodding with the pull of the current against the line. Hours past, the sun fell behind the copse, country sounds became muted apart from the murmur of the little stream, and we waited with all the optimism of youth.

Then it happened! The rod top pulled over the edge and the butt was lifting in the air before my friend, who was nearest, could grab the cane and hang on for dear life. The strong tackle held and soon the fish was brought kicking to the bank.

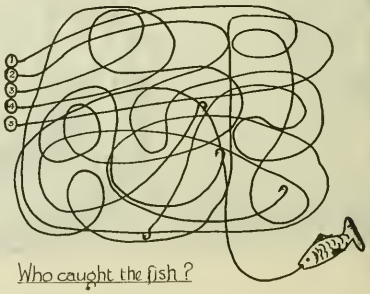
To our young eyes it was a fantastic catch, beautifully spotted and in the peak of condition. We looked at each other, then at the fish as it lay panting in the grass. It would have been nice to carry the trophy back to the limelight of the adult world, but somehow it didn't seem right, and anyway, it would be sure to die in the bath down the garden.

We decided to free our captive back to the stream. It swam off quickly, in an upstream direction and was soon lost from sight. It was the first success, yet the last time we fished the water. Before the next holiday my friend, with life ahead, was dead, killed in a boating accident. The bulldozers moved in and left their ugly mark on the landscape. A housing estate was built. The little stream, my friend, the big trout, all now were but memories, gone from reality forever.

It was a full twelve months before I caught my first fish—a perch. An angler nearly remarked, "nice half-pounder you've got there son"—it was about the same size as the big trout.

(Peter Wheat **is the editor of Anglers** World.)





Who caught the fish ?

The Prophets Message

By President David O. McKay

★ I should like to quote the truth and the admonition given by Peter the chief Apostle to the members of the priesthood over nineteen hundred years ago. That chief Apostle wrote these lines and addressed them to the elders of that time:

". . . I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

"Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

"Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." (1 Peter 5:1-9.)

Applicable Today

These instructions are nineteen-hundred-years old, yet new today, and just as applicable as then to the elders of this Church. Peter said they should be "ensamples to the flock." I should just like to ask if that example starts at home. What better place to exercise the lofty ideals of the priesthood?

The older I grow, the more grateful I am for my parents, for what they did in that old country home. They lived the Gospel. Father used to preach it, particularly to visitors who came, more than to us boys and girls; but both Father and Mother lived the Gospel. I realize more than ever before that my testimony of the reality of the existence of God dates back to that home when I was a child, and it was through their teachings and their examples that I received, even as a child, the absolute knowledge that God is my Father, that I received then the knowledge of the reality of the spiritual world, and I testify to you that that is a reality.

It is easy for me to accept as a divine truth the fact that Christ preach-

ed to the spirits in prison while His body lay in the tomb. It is true. And it is just as easy for me to realize that one may so live that he may receive impressions and direct messages through the Holy Ghost. The veil is thin between those who hold the priesthood and those on the other side of the veil.

Testimony By Example

That testimony began, was borne in that home, because of the example of a man who lived the priesthood and a wife who sustained him and lived it in the home. A man of the priesthood had that in mind, particularly, when he mentioned "being ensamples to the flock" (Ibid., 5:3), but I do know that each home is a part of that flock. The influence you spread in your home will go throughout the ward, the stake, and then will go throughout the city, the state, the country, and the world.

The most precious thing in the world is a testimony of the truth. Truth never grows old, and the truth is that God is the source of your priesthood and mine, that He lives, that Jesus Christ stands at the head of this Church, and that every man who holds the priesthood, if he lives properly, soberly, industriously, humbly, and prayerfully, is entitled to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I know that it is true!

God help us to defend the truth—better than that, **to live it, to exemplify it in our homes.** What we owe to our parents we cannot express. Are you going to have that same influence on your children, you parents—fathers and mothers? Never set an improper example before them. You are men of the priesthood, and you are leaders. Never let them hear a cross word. You should control yourself. He is a weak man who flies into a passion, whether



he is working a machine, plowing, or writing, or whatever he may be doing in the home. I do not know that Peter should not fly into a passion. Learn to be dignified.

Worthiness—Importance

To hold the priesthood of God by divine authority is one of the greatest gifts that can come to a man, and worthiness is of first importance. The very essence of priesthood is eternal. He is greatly blessed who feels the responsibility of representing Deity. He should feel it to such an extent that he would be conscious of his actions and words under all conditions. No man who holds the Holy Priesthood should treat his wife disrespectfully. No man who holds that priesthood should fail to ask the blessings on his food or to kneel with his wife and children and ask for God's guidance.

A home is transformed because a man holds and honours the priesthood. We are not to use it dictatorially, for the Lord has said that ". . . when we undertake to cover our sins, or to grati-

fy our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men, in any degree of unrighteousness, behold the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man." (D&C 121:37.) That revelation given by the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith is one of the most beautiful lessons in pedagogy or psychology and government ever given, and we should read it over and over again in the 121st section of the Doctrine and Covenants.

Maintain The Standards

Let us realize that we are members of the greatest fraternity, the greatest brotherhood—the brotherhood of Christ in all the world, and do our best each day, all day, to maintain the standards of the priesthood.

Let us live honest, sincere lives. Let us be honest with ourselves, honest with our brethren, honest with our family, honest with men with whom we deal, always honest, for eyes are upon us, and the foundation of all character rests upon the principles of honesty and sincerity.

God is guiding this Church. Be true to it. Be true to your families, loyal to them. Protect your children. Guide them, not arbitrarily, but through the kind example of a father, a loving mother, and so contribute to the strength of the Church by exercising your priesthood in your home and in your lives.

LONDON TEMPLE.

Year ended 31st. December. 1968.

	P/Hood/Rel Soc.			Golden Age.			Grand
	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Total.
GLASGOW STAKE	95	456	551	0	0	0	551
LEEDS STAKE	34	297	331	0	944	944	1275
LEICESTER STAKE	127	555	682	0	179	179	861
LONDON STAKE	3	62	65	0	12	12	77
MANCHESTER STAKE	54	208	262	0	0	0	262
SUNDERLAND STAKE	0	0	0	87	135	222	222
BRITISH MISSION	37	184	221	0	82	82	303
BRITISH SOUTH MISSION	94	164	258	74	237	311	569
CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION	4	139	143	0	0	0	143
IRISH MISSION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH BRITISH MISSION	153	259	412	71	0	71	483
SCOTTISH MISSION	94	455	549	0	93	93	642
SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION	59	254	313	48	48	96	409
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Instructions To Parents, Teach, Train, Mould

By Elder Delbert L. Stapley
of the Council of Twelve

★ God extends to earthly parents a choice blessing when He sends a spirit son or daughter of His to dwell in a mortal body provided by them. God grants to parents, if they have complied with His Gospel laws and ordinances, the children born to them in the new and everlasting covenant of marriage, or sealed to them by the authority of the Holy Priesthood of God as their very own throughout the eternities of time.

This knowledge adds joy, happiness, and glory to joint-heirship with Christ in all that the Father possesses, even the gift of His own spirit children. Every child is born in complete innocence here on earth. The Lord entrusts these choice spirit children of His to earthly parents, with a hope that through proper teaching and training they will keep them moral, true, and faithful. God has revealed this truth in our day: Every spirit of man was innocent in the beginning; and God having redeemed man from the fall, men became again, in their infant state, innocent before God." (D&C 93: 38.)

Our Saviour, giving His life on the cross, redeemed us from the effects of the fall; therefore, every soul at birth stands innocent before God.

First Duty—Bless Children

In the modern revelations the Lord had given important instructions to parents, detailing their responsibility in the upbringing of their children. After children come to bless parents with the joy and happiness of possession, the Lord has admonished that "Every member of the church of Christ having children is to bring them unto the elders before the church, who are to lay their hands upon them in the name of Jesus Christ, and bless them in his name." (Ibid., 20:70.) Here, then, is one of the first duties of parents: to have their children blessed by the elders of the Church. What a privilege and proper beginning for a child to be blessed by the elders of the Church in the name of Jesus Christ!

Now, God has revealed that "little children are redeemed from the foundation of the world through mine Only Begotten;

"Wherefore, they cannot sin, for power is not given unto Satan to tempt little children, until they begin to become accountable before me." (Ibid., 29:46-47.)



Parents, therefore, have these early, golden years of a child's life in which to teach, train, and mold its character, when Satan is not given power to tempt or to mislead it. But there does come a time in the lives of children for individual responsibility and accountability,a time when they are to act for themselves, and receive the Gospel and its ordinances and to be baptized for a remission of their sins.

The Lord has declared that, "No one can be received into the church of Christ unless he has arrived unto the years of accountability before God, and is capable of repentance."(Ibid., 20:71.) Parents, looking forward to the time of individual responsibility of children for their own acts, should carefully heed this admonition from the Lord:

"Again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organised, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents." (Ibid., 68:25.)

Prepare For Baptism

Parents, therefore, have the responsibility of teaching to the understanding of their children the Gospel truths, principles, and ordinances, and to prepare them for baptism and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost when they attain the age of eight years, the age of accountability before God; otherwise, the sin is upon the heads of the parents.

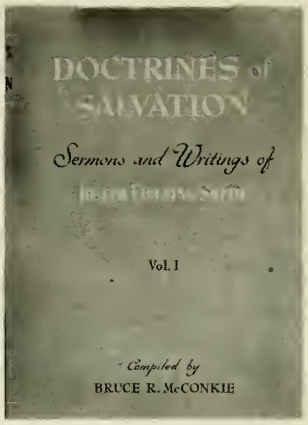
To leave no doubt in the minds of parents about their responsibility and accountability to this instruction, the Lord continued by saying:

"For this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion." The teaching of Gospel principles and the preparation of children to receive the ordinances of the Gospel is not something parents can do only if they want to, because the Lord emphatically declared that it "shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion. . . . And their children shall be baptised for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands." (Ibid., 68:26-27.)

Baptise At Eight

He did not say that parents could wait until children are nine or ten or older before baptism, neither does He suggest that parents can permit their children to grow up to maturity and decide for themselves whether they should be baptised. The Lord said they "shall be baptised . . . when eight years old." There can be no question about our understanding of this instruction.

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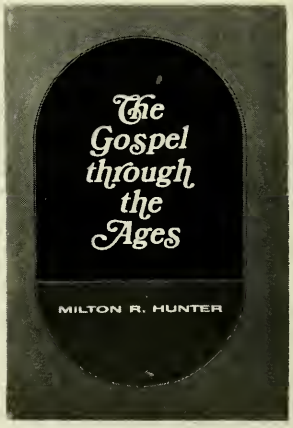


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Saviour Was Deliverer To Those In Spiritual Darkness

By Elder Theodore M. Burton
Assistant of the Council of Twelve

★ Near the beginning of the ministry of Jesus Christ, He came one day to the city of Nazareth where He had grown up as a lad. As was His custom on the Sabbath day He went to the local synagogue to worship. As He stood up to read, He was given the book of Isaiah from which He read as follows:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

"To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. . . ." (Isa. 61: 1-2.)

Then He closed the book and sat down to speak. As all eyes were fastened upon Him to see what interpretation He would give to these words, He said:

"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

"And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth." (Luke 4:21-22.)

I am interested in the words of Isaiah, or as Jesus gave them as quoted by Luke:

" . . . he hath sent me . . . to preach deliverance to the captives, and . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Ibid., 4:18.)

Specific Prisoners

Bible interpreters have said that the original words from Isaiah have reference to the release of the Jewish captives from Babylon, but that Jesus applied them to the release of sinners from the guilt and bondage of sin, through His ministry. But was this Jesus' intent, and what sinners were held prisoners through the guilt and bondage of their sins?

I claim that Isaiah and Jesus were speaking of specific prisoners as given in the following quotations from Isaiah:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

"And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited." (Isa. 24:21-22.)

"I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

"To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." (Ibid., 42:6-7.)

Jesus, The Deliverer

There is no question but that Jesus was to be the Deliverer and that they that sit in this prison were to be in the bonds of darkness, which must refer to spiritual darkness rather than to

political prisoners here upon the earth. The work of Jesus definitely was not confined solely to those of His own earthly generation who heard His voice in person as on this occasion when He spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth. His work was a greater work, a universal work, and applied not only to the whole wide world of those then living, but also to all who ever lived or ever would live upon this earth.

One of the mistakes of Christendom today is thinking that Christ's ministry began at the Meridian of Time following His birth upon the earth. At the Meridian of time He began His earth ministry as He was born among men as the Only Begotten Son of God in the flesh. It is not generally understood that Jesus was the Firstborn of the spirit children of God and that as Jehovah, the Creator, He was the God of this earth before He became manifest in the flesh as Jesus Christ. He is the Eternal God of this earth who gave His laws and commandments to the prophets of old before He came to earth as the Son of Man.

Eternal Principles

The principles of the Gospel which Jesus taught were eternal. They were given and taught to the prophets and seers of old. They in turn preached and taught them to the people of their day. Did they not understand that the Redeemer would come? Wasn't Isaiah, for example, a witness of the coming Lord as he proclaimed:

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should



desire him.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

"And we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." (Ibid., 53:1-7.)

Prophets Testified

Dare we say that the prophets did

not know all about Jesus and His coming? Did they not testify, often with their lives, of the divinity of God and urge their hearers to turn to Him and live?

Just as authority in the priesthood had been given to Adam and his sons the patriarchs, so also were they given the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and participated in the blessings and covenants that pertain to exaltation in the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and King. Only when the people refused to accept this higher priesthood and higher law at the time of Moses were they given the lesser priesthood and the lesser law which was to be a taskmaster to lead them eventually to accept Jesus Christ and the higher law which He had given to the prophets of old and which He gave again in His earthly ministry.

Manuscripts Discovered

Failure to understand the eternal and universal nature of the ministry of Jesus Christ has caused considerable consternation among students of divinity. With the study of the mystery religions came the knowledge that a virgin birth of a Redeemer and a death and resurrection of the same was claimed by several such religions hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus Christ. Baptism by immersion was a fairly common ritual long before the coming of Jesus. The discovery of the manuscript rolls from the caves at Qumran near Jerusalem brought to light teachings and practices later used in Christianity two hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ. This has led certain students of Christian religion to deny the divinity of Jesus Christ. They have regarded Him only as a great and gifted teacher who simply adopted and adapted the thoughts and practices of the Essenes priests. So they claim He established a new philosophy of the brotherhood of man based on these concepts and in defense of which He even gave His life as a martyr.

Such denial of Jesus Christ as a divine being is the result of not understanding the eternal nature of the Gospel Jesus taught. If one understands that the Gospel was taught and practised from the very beginning, one can understand how its doctrines and practices can be found in apostate forms in the mystery religions of Greece and Egypt and can account for the knowledge of Christian teachings before the birth of Jesus Christ.

Knowing then that the Gospel was preached by the prophets of old in anticipation of the coming of the Saviour and that it is now preached in confirmation of His atonement, we can ask a pertinent question. What happened to those who heard the Gospel and rejected it, or, perhaps better said, who failed to accept it while on the earth? What happened to those who lived on the earth when through apostasy and wickedness they never had a chance to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached? What happens to those we call heathens who never heard of Jesus Christ?

Peter Explains

At the death of these people, who never made a covenant to become the sons and daughters of Jesus Christ, their spirits went to a spirit prison where they were forced to wait until they could be released. This Peter explained when he told how Jesus went to minister among those who were dead, for, as the scriptures inform us, Peter taught:

"And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:42-43. Italics added.)

That this salvation through belief in Christ is open to the dead as well as to the living is evident as Peter taught:

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

"By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

"Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." (1 Pet. 3:18-20.)

Redeeming Power

The reason for this Peter explained as follows:

"For this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." (Ibid., 4:6.)

Thus the redeeming power of Jesus Christ is made possible to every person who ever lived or will live upon the face of the earth. In view of the scriptural confirmation of this doctrine that Christ did visit and minister among the spirits who had been disobedient and who because of unpardoned sin were held in a spirit prison. we may well ask, what was the scope and purpose of our Lord's ministry among them? His preaching was purposeful and positive, not to further condemn, but to bring relief and mercy. To them came the Redeemer to open the way that leads to life. He came not to intensify their darkness and their grief, but to bring relief from despair and suffering.

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would look after them again next day). Then Miss Brown went back to her cats and geraniums, My, she was tired out —but what a day it had been, already she was planning new ways of amusing the children, and she would definitely offer her services as a baby sitter to both families, such nice neighbours she had, and had only just realised it.

Edna and Jack were getting ready for bed. Edna yawned, "Fancy" she said "Only this morning I was so miserable and I started to pray for strength, when all this happened and now I feel quite different, I know everything will be alright, and I will be back to normal". When she was drifting off to sleep she whispered "I must have my hair done on Friday, it is Conference this weekend and we don't want to miss it do we?"

Jack smiled happily and the stars twinkled through the open bedroom window and there was a sweet scent of lime trees and roses in the air, and he was very much aware of it.

Elder Tuttle Asks: "What Is Peace Based Upon?"

By Elder A. Theodore Tuttle
of the First Council of Seventy



★ As I understand it, it is the mission of the Church to develop and extend unity and brotherhood throughout the world.

How can peace come without brotherhood? What is peace? Is peace the cessation of hostilities? Is peace a cold, rather than a hot war? Is peace co-existence? Is peace to live and let live? Is peace a relationship based on force? Is peace servitude and slavery based on power? What is it that brings peace: arms, bombs, pacts, arbitration, and compromise? What perpetuates peace: armies and navies, planes and missiles, and anti-missile missiles? What is the basis of peace? Is it based on a balance of power? I think that each one of us would have to answer that it is none of these, and that at best they are but temporary measures.

What is peace based on? May I try to illustrate it with a story with which I think many of you are acquainted. It is entitled "Abram and Zimri" by Clarence Cook. Two brothers farmed together. Abram had a wife and seven sons. Zimri lived alone. At harvest time the crop was divided equally. Zimri lay in bed and thought: "Here am I, just one mouth to feed, while my brother Abram has a wife and many sons. I must go to the field and share my half with my brother, Abram." So he girded himself and went down and gave a generous third of his portion to his brother.

Shared A Third

Abram, on the other hand, thought that same night: "Here am I with a wife and seven sons—someone to share my load and to work with me. Here is my brother, Zimri, he works alone and has no one to help. I shall gird myself and go down to the field and share my portion with him." And he took a generous third and put it with Zimri's sheaves. The next morning the sheaves were the same.

The next night, determined to change it, Zimri went again to the field and carried another third from his pile to his brother, Abram's and then lay in the field to watch. Soon Abram came and took his sheaves and put them with his brother's share. Then Clarence Cook closes with these words: "And Zimri arose and caught him in his arms, and wept upon his neck, and kissed his cheek; and Abram saw the whole, and could not speak; neither could Zimri, for their hearts were full."

Now, as I read the record of history, there is but one force strong enough

to motivate a universal acceptance of brotherhood. That is, the acceptance of the Fatherhood of God and the divine Sonship of His Son, Jesus Christ, and thence all men as brothers. This has been the power that has united men in the past. This has been the plan of our Heavenly Father from the beginning, and it is no illusion. It has worked. We all know the story of Enoch who taught this Gospel plan to his brethren, and when it was accepted they lived happily—so much so that the Lord walked and talked with them, and took them.

Another Occurrence

A similar unity of brotherhood occured on this continent after the Lord had been here and taught His Gospel to the Nephites. I quote the account of the condition that existed for two hundred years afterward:

"And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people.

"And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God.

"There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of -ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God." (4 Nephi 15-17.)

This blessed condition is attainable today, but it is attainable only upon the basis of accepting God as Father and all men as brothers and living the plan of salvation.

My testimony is that this plan, which the Lord introduced in the beginning with Adam, and that has successfully brought about true brotherhood in the past, has been restored; that the priesthood that activates it and operates it is in our midst, and that the leaders thereof in this Church are servants of our Heavenly Father. This plan is bringing about a true brotherhood in this day and it is up to you and me to make it function even more perfectly. To show our appreciation for the privilege we have of belonging to this great brotherhood, may we be ever willing to share it with all of our brothers and sisters.



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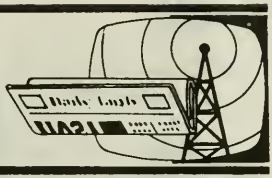
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SCOTTISH MISSION
ABERDEEN BRANCH WINS CITY AWARD

★ The City of Aberdeen holds a competition each year to find the loveliest and best kept Church garden. Last year this prize was awarded to the Aberdeen Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, they took 2nd place in 1967. At a recent ceremony, Branch Pres. Tommy Thomson, was presented with an engraved plaque by Mr. Percy Thrower, the famous TV personality and gardner, who commented on the Church's beautiful display of flowers and roses of every hue.

Aberdeen members are justly proud of this wonderful honour, and we hope they will keep up the good work this year.

IRISH MISSION

★ A special party was held at the end of December for over 60 officers and teachers of the Belfast District Primary and Sunday School. It was a very successful occasion with music and song provided by Thomas and Margaret Law and Rachel Nickels.



Rachel Nickels, Irish Mission.



Pres. Tommy Thomson of Aberdeen Branch, holds plaque for the best kept church garden in Aberdeen.



Thomas and Margaret Law, Irish Mission.



Belfast Primary and Sunday School officers and teachers relax around buffet table.

LONDON STAKE
M.I.A. LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

★ From Friday Jan. 17th, to Sunday the 19th, the Stake M.I.A. held its fourth leadership weekend. North London Ward members provided accommdation in their homes for nearly 40 young people. The Relief Society, under the direction of Margaret Hamblin, provided excellent meals at the chapel. On the Friday evening, Marquits Leavitt helped everyone "get acquainted" at a Barn Dance.

Saturday morning began with a devotional, followed by leadership improvement with Una Budge of the Stake M.I.A. Board. The major part of the morning was devoted to P.E. minor games and sports. The facilities of a nearby school were used, and the instructors were David Cook, who is a school sports instructer, and Marie Snell, Stake YWMIA Activity Counselor. Brother Cook also provided a first class display of trampolining by three boys from his school, and then allowed the course members time to "have a go".

In the afternoon, James Corless, also an instructer by profession, showed the group how to make monoprints lino-cuts and woodcuts, and how to do simple modelling with clay. The result was some very attractive lino-cuts and prints, and a few rather wobbly pots!

Mr. Paul Chamberlain, a professional

drama instructor took over in the evening, and made each person realize his own potential for creative dramatic expression, with remarkable results. The standard of the impromptu sketches performed in groups was very high.

As on previous weekends, Sunday was the climax of the course. During Priesthood meeting the young women held a standards meeting, at which the speakers were Jean Cook, one of the course members, and Karen Bateman, a guest speaker. The song "More Holines Give Me" sung by Linda Cory and Karen Oswell, made a fitting conclusion to an inspiring meeting. After Sunday School with the ward members, a special testimony meeting was held just for the course members, and many fervent testimonies were heard. In the afternoon an M.I.A. discussion was held. The prize for the M.I.A. Quiz, that people had been completing in their spare time (!) during the weekend, was won by Bill Bushnell, a non-member of the Church and new to M.I.A. The weekend closed with Sacrament meeting, which included talks by two youth speakers, and a musical item by a choir formed of the course members.

The whole weekend was greatly enjoyed, not only for the knowledge gained, but also for the friendships that were developed and the testimonies that were strengthened. The event was organised by John and Marie Snell, activity assistant and counselor on the Stake M.I.A.

★ Valentines Day came early for the wives of members of the London Stake presidency and the ward bishoprics and branch presidencies.

On Monday , Feb. 3 in place of the usual "business" type bishopric meeting conducted by the stake presidency, a social was held at the Hyde Park Chapel were "Cupid" directed all attention to the sisters.

The social began with community singing of old time favourites with Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr. at the piano and Pres. Donald Hemingway, first counselor, directing. Following the musical half hour a delicious meal of hot casseroles, fresh tossed green salad, buttered rolls, fruit juices, tasty cheese and pickles, topped by ice cream and cake, was served.

While the clearing of dishes was being accomplished by one group, Bishop Vance Leavitt of the North London Ward, asked Pres. Hemingway to select several couples to go to the Relief Society room and rehearse a favourite song for presentation within five minutes.

Bishop Leavitt also assigned eight other persons to prepare a debate on which food is best, spaghetti or macaroni." This proved to be the hilarious part of the evening as debators presented pros and cons on the merits of the two foods.

Meanwhile the balance of the guests were "mustered" into a "standing" army and given preliminary training in preparation to defend London. Pres. Thomas Hill, second counselor in the stake presidency, managed to get his recruits into a commendable "formation" before they were dismissed.

Climax to the evening came when each of the brethren presented a gift to his sweetheart.

The catering was under the direction of the North London Ward bishopric and their wives with Sister Leavitt, in charge.

The evening was a change for the brethren and more decidedly a change for the wives who spend many hours waiting while their husbands are on assignments.



Groundbreaking for new chapel at the Isle of Wight, British South Mission.
(Photo by Roger M. Smith)

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ Sunday Dec. 29th 1968 was a momentous and memorable day for the members of the Isle of Wight, as this was the day of the ground breaking for an L.D.S. Chapel on the Island.

The ground was broken by the Branch presidency, Portsmouth District Pres. Alan Busath and the Building Supervisor, Desmond Gorman.

Although the weather was cold and there was a biting wind, the saints hearts were warmed as they sang "Come Come Ye Saints" as the closing hymn of the service.

★ The NEWPORT Branch, Isle of Wight, held a very enjoyable social one Saturday night in December. Proceeds from the refreshments were given towards the Branch Building Fund.

The Primary New Year Party was held on Wednesday Jan. 8th, when a happy time was had by all the children in attendance, thanks to Patricia Maisey, the Branch Primary president and her counselors.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ BILLINGHAM High Priests provided all members of the ward with a very appetising dinner on New Year's Eve. Perhaps it was all the more enjoyable because it was free! The three course meal was well cooked by the priesthood and the Relief Society sisters appreciated the fact that they did not even have to do the washing up. Stake Pres. Frederick W. Oates and his wife were guests of honour.

After the dinner, the seventy people present spent the rest of the evening dancing and playing games. Although the meal was free, £4 was collected in tips for the waiters, and this money will go towards the funds to pay for the chapel, so that it can be dedicated as soon as posible.

★ When HARTLEPOOL Ward Sunday School and Primary held a joint party for the children, there was an abundance of jellies, cakes, etc, and the children certainly made a good attempt at eating it all. An apple, an orange and some sweets, and a gift were given to each child. The children also enjoyed games and carol singing. Elder Squires played his guitar and with the aid of Ann Helps, one of the Primary sisters, everyone sang together. There were about 45 children present.

On Monday 30th Dec., the youngsters were taken to see the pantomime, "Mother Goose" in the Town Hall, at the expense of the Relief Society.

On Dec. 25th, the Primary children acted a nativity play entitled "O Come all ye Faithful", which told the familiar story through the eyes of some young shepherd boys. The children acted very well, and the performance was followed by carol singing.

The ward also held a dinner and dance in December with about 40 saints present. A three course dinner with turkey was served and then games were played. The Laurie family managed to win most of the prizes and everyone had a really good time.

★ Bishop and Sister Marshall opened their home to all MIDDLESBROUGH Ward members for a New Year party. There were games, songs and food galore.

The health of three fairly recently engaged couples was toasted, with special wishes to Joyce Storrow and Bob Robson, who announced their en-

gagement at the party.

The Primary party was held on Wednesday Jan. 8th, with about 22 children attending. The teachers provided food and entertainment, and the party ended with singing under the direction of Ethel Hill.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ The children's party organised by the Junior Sunday School and Primary workers of the ASHTON/OLDHAM Ward, was well attended and enjoyed. Sixty-five children were present there, and all received a present. There was plenty of food for them, with lots of jelly and ice cream, and after tea suitable games were arranged by Sylvia Whalley, assisted by Norma Holme. Many of the children also entertained with songs, poems and nursery rhymes.

A New Year's Eve dance in the Cultural Hall was free to members and non-members, and was very well attended. Organised by the M.I.A. leaders under the direction of John Whiteley and Pamela Edwards the Master of Ceremonies was Albert G. Evans, who also entertained with his well-liked brand of comedy. The cabaret spot was filled by John Whiteley and Julian Leah on their guitars. Children's games were supervised by Ernest Preston, and Carol Standring was in charge of the refreshments. Elder Walker kindly volunteered to spend the evening behind the scenes as the disc jockey.

The Priests group of the ward consisting of Julian Leah, Anthony Clayton, John Cook, Andrew Haigh and David Preston, raised more than £20 for the budget fund when they organised a dance at the end of December. Posters and tickets were distributed throughout the stake and a group called "The Burning Soul" was engaged to play. More than 200 young people, many of them non-members, had a great time dancing and socialising in the gaily decorated Cultural Hall.

The main credit for the successful and profitable evening was the enthusiasm and organising ability of 18 year old Julian Leah, who is to be congratulated on his very fine effort.

★ On January 11th, the Stake Pres. Derek Plumbley and his counselors entertained the stake leaders to a social evening and buffet. It was a grand occasion, one that merited the description of "banquet" rather than buffet, and all concerned agreed that it was the finest event of its kind that the stake had ever enjoyed. Bishop W. Weston was responsible for the catering and he was most ably assisted by Sister Plumbley, Brother and Sister St. Ruth, and Eileen Weightman. They all must have laboured long and hard to present such a wonderful meal. Laura Burgon, Brian Ashworth, Bishop Weston, Bishop Caddick, Derek Coulthard, Doreen Preston, Lilian Smith and Daniel Grindley all helped to make the evening a most enjoyable one by their efforts to entertain.

★ L.D.S. Athletic is now making local news following their entry into the South Mancheshter Football League. Whilst the results have been disappointing, the standard of their play is such that better things may come their way once the team is brought up to full strength and has settled down playing together as a team.



Bro. Bollshweiler speaking at the first Sacrament Meeting in the new Lincoln Branch Chapel.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Sunday 15th December 1968, was a cold frosty morning as LINCOLN Branch members arrived at their chapel on Grantham Street, for the last time. The lease had expired, heating and lighting had been dismantled. Instead of the usual Sunday School lessons, a testimony meeting was held as the last service, the old building held so many happy memories that it seemed a fitting end, prior to its demolition.

Since April the branch had been working under Building Supervisor Rex Bollschweiler of Bountiful, U.S.A. on their new chapel, and it has been a race against time to see if they could finish it before the closure of the old building. One might say it was just a draw, with some light fittings to be completed and a few tiles to be laid. The Lincoln saints held their first Sacrament Meeting in the clean, warm, dry hall that same day. Just as the Sunday School meeting in the morning had been full, so was this Sacrament Meeting. Branch Pres. Brian James conducted the meeting, which was presided over by Pres. Benjamin Thorpe, 2nd counselor in the Central British Mission presidency. This was a most inspiring meeting, speakers included Pres. James, Rex and Merle Bollschweiler, District Pres. Richard Thomas and Pres. Thorpe.

The following Saturday Dec. 21st, the branch held their opening social. For the first time they were able to play games and dance without danger of the floor collapsing. Entertainment was provided by the Mission-aires, and country dancing lead by Malcolm and Heather Coombs.



Lincoln Branch members, Central British Mission, can play now that the new chapel is completed.

Bouquets were presented to the Bollschweilers, and to Relief Society Pres. Evelyn James, by Judith, Christine and Helen Coombs. An album containing photographs and signatures of branch members was also presented to the Bollschweilers by Brian James.

★ A friendly and cheerful atmosphere prevailed at the finely organised New Years' Ball at NORTHAMPTON on Jan. 18th, given by the M.I.A. and attended by over 80 memberes and friends from the branch and district.

The hall was tastefully decorated, as were the individual tables, and refreshments were provided from the lounge, part of which was opened on to the dance floor. Music was by Jimmy Wooding and his band, and Barrie Beardsmore acted as M.C. A most entertaining and talented interval was provided by the BANBURY Branch, who performed various Indian dances in costume, around a very realistic fire.

★ HEREFORD Branch chose the "Good Old Days" for the theme of their New Year's Eve Party, and all those who attended wore Edwardian costumes. The New Year was welcomed in and then several members adjourned to the home of Ken and Mary Gorman, where the merrymaking continued into the early hours of the morning despite the prospects of having to face a full days work.

The first event of the new year that the branch participated in was the Midlands West District Primary Talent show, which was held at the WORCESTER Chapel in January. Eleven Hereford Primary children recited poems; told stories, and performed in a recorder orchestra. Several Art items were also on display. After the Talent show the children sat down to a well earned tea provided by the sisters of the District Primary.

Eight members of the M.I.A. took part in the Branch Speech Festival at which the judges were Mission Relief Society Pres. Gladys Jones, and the District M.I.A. Pres. Eileen Mortimer.

The participants were placed in three groups—M.I.A. Maids, M Men-Gleaner and Mutual Study. The superior award winners in the respective sections were: Julie Prosser, M.I.A. Maids; Ken Gorman, M Men; Rosemary Davies, Gleaner, and Audrey Prosser, Mutual Study. Heather Matthews received a special award for the only original poem submitted.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ The Primary children of the CARLISLE Branch entertained the older members with the Pantomine "Cinderella" in December. Betty Stainton, the Primary Mother, produced the show, and all the young actors and actresses gave wonderful performances. Refreshments were served during the interval, and each child received a present.

The branch later held a dinner and dance, and for this occasion the hall was decorated by William Skea and David France. After a very good dinner the rest of the evening was spent dancing to Bert Eland's Band. Members from the Newcastle Branch and the Lake District also attended.

★ GRIMSBY Branch held a party for about 50 children which was organised by Brother Walton, Sunday School superintendent and his counselors.

The following Saturday the branch held a Family Party, and the Relief Society sisters prepared all the food. They had previously held a jumble sale to raise money to pay for the party expenses. President Ann Ely and her counselors worked very hard on both occasions.

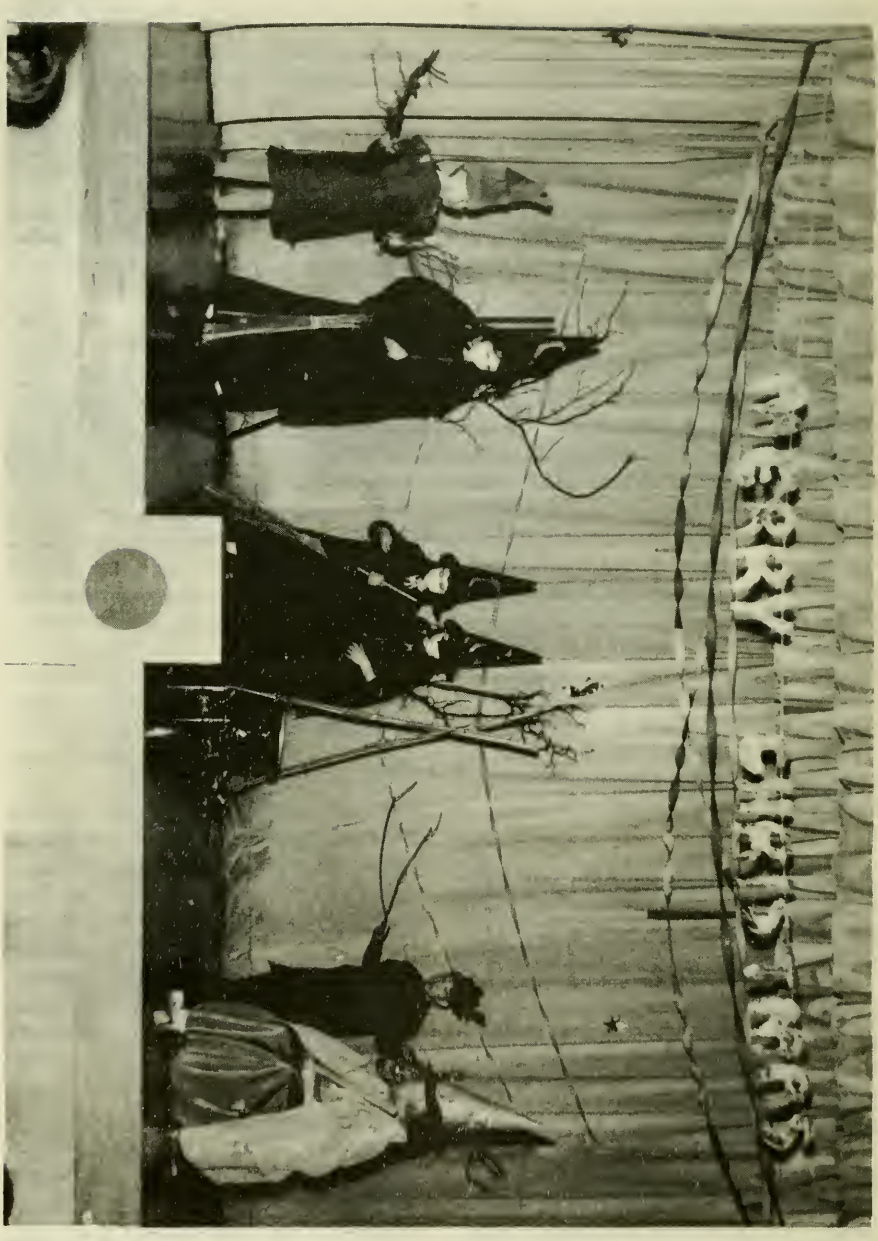
The District Relief Society held a square dance in late December. There was a splendid array of good things to eat and Sister Joyce Smith and her counselors were responsible for the success of the evening.

On Jan. 2nd, Sister Walton and her helpers gave a party for the Primary children, who all received sweets and a gift and had a very good time.

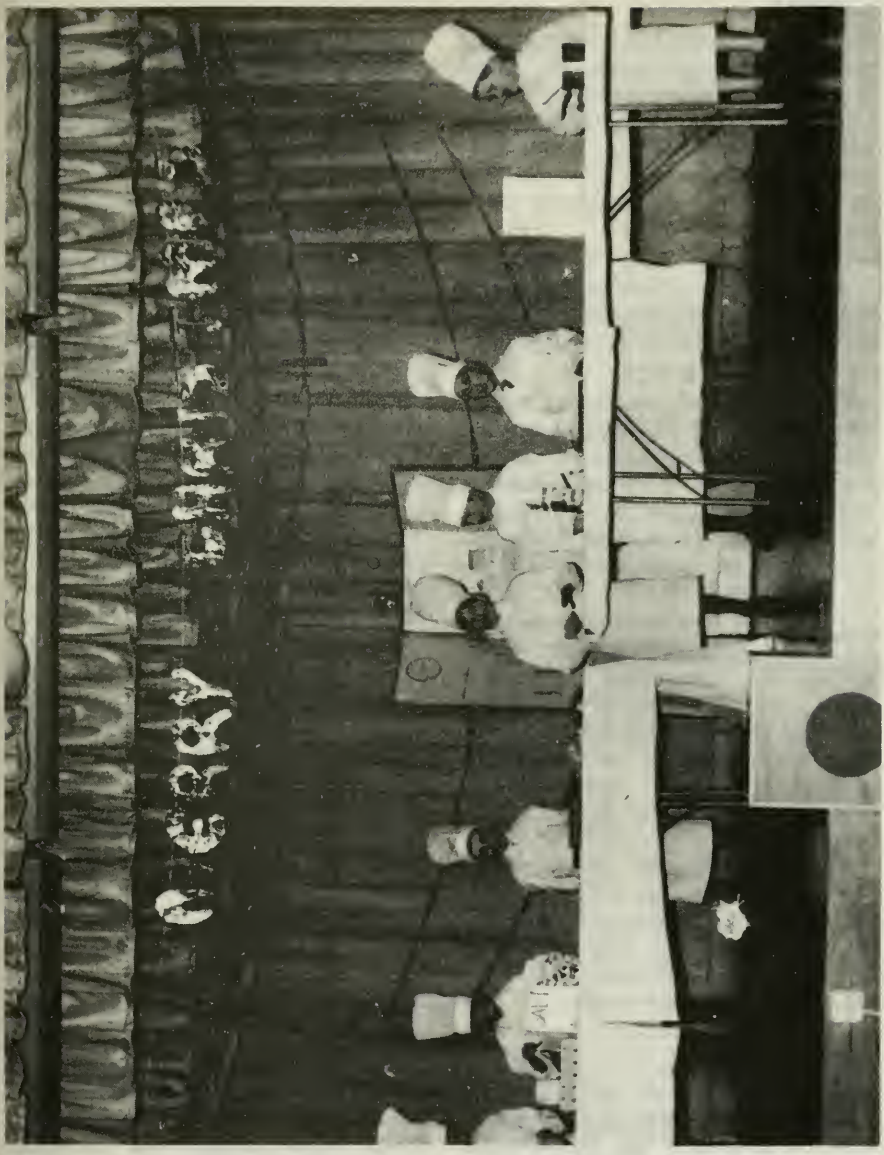
★ At the SOUTHPORT BRANCH on Dec. 20th, by very special request, there was a repeat performance of the Pantomine by the Primary Children, "The Gentle Witch". Helen Chalmers played the leading role, and the boys who performed in the Bakers scene, stole the show. Members and friends formed a very appreciative audience, and after the pantomime everyone relaxed together to enjoy refreshments. Sister Fossard and her counselors were congratulated for the splendid efforts they attained in the colourful, musical pantomime.

★ YORK Branch presented two plays in December, one of which had been performed previously for two "Old Peoples' Homes". Both plays were written and produced by Anne Swanney and Pauline Pooley, who are the pianist and chorister of the Branch Primary. The first play was called "The Toy Shop", and the second "Nativity", the latter being mimed while Patricia Bobby gave the narration. All the children wore colourful and appropriate costumes. The Primary workers made and sold refreshments in aid of their funds.

★ EAST HULL Branch held a concert to raise money for their budget fund. Organised by Jean Driscoll, there were many participants with great talent from branches in the Hull District and some non-members also. The show was a great success and a very large sum was raised for the funds.



The Gentle Witch, Helen Chalmers at Southport Branch, Liverpool District with Andrew Chalmers as the tree; Pauline Bamford, Sylvia Hepple and Linda Grindrod as witches and Alan Lloyd, a tree.



Bakers All, at Southport Branch Christmas party. Christopher Hindley, Alan Wood, Mark Jennings, Keith Hepple, Steven Lloyd, Christopher Hudson and Gary Hindley.
Newport Relief Society, SWBM, from left, back, Iris Lambert, Ivy Wiltshire, secy.; Margaret Headington, president; R. May Foot, 1st C.; Caroline Headington, Peggy Dix, Mary Brinkworth; front, Ann Appleby, Carol Wiltshire, Sylvia Woodington, Shenac Carobob, Sister Windsore, Margaret Davies.

★ A News Year's Eve party was held at SCARBOROUGH with Old Father Time alias Stephen Speight, making his appearance at midnight with Keith Reynolds as the New Year, on his back. There was also a wonderful performance by the Gleaners Formation Dance Team.

The Branch M.I.A. presented the Pantomime "Dick Whittington and his Cat" on Dec. 21st, it was a very good performance and everyone enjoyed it.

★ BEVERLEY Branch Sunday School Party was poorly attended because of the heavy snow which had hit the area and was piled up on the pavements and roads. However those that managed to get through really enjoyed themselves with games and good food, and a gift for each child.

The young women and leaders of the branch M.I.A. who are working towards their awards this year, made mince pies as a service project and delivered them to Sister Emma Harper, the oldest member of the branch, and to Y.M.M.I.A. Supt. Dennis Fewster who was in bed suffering from a slipped disc.

The Relief Society sisters invited their husbands to a party at the end of December. They enjoyed a lovely buffet of dainty dishes, and then watched the film "Portrait of a Prophet." The evening closed with carol singing.

BRITISH MISSION

★ BASILDON Branch set a target of £150 to meet a total of £300 before work on building a new chapel could begin. Relief Society sisters raised £15 10s. 0d. by various sales, and individual members contributed £5 each. Pres. and Sister Reed Callister offered articles for sale, and all in all a total of approximately £70 was reached. A concert was organised by Brother Hornsey, while Brother Martin arranged the printing of the tickets. CHELMSFORD Branch kindly offered the free use of their chapel, and it certainly was a successful evening.

The cast included some of the young Elders, Harkness, Galbreith and Myers. Elder Bobo sang and played his guitar. A non-member, a magician, offered his services free of charge, and there were solos from Bro. and Sis. Gillette and their son, a duet by Sisters Louis and Bounes, and dancing by Julia and Sarah Hornsey. The Smith family, all eleven of them, rounded off the evening with carol singing.

During the interval various items were auctioned, they included a fur coat, a painting of water lillies, and a box of fruit and nuts. The last item being the cause of much laughter as one brother had challenged another that whatever he bid, he would double it. The first brother promptly shouted £5 and the second was obliged to call £10. Which certainly made it a very costly box of fruit and nuts. A total of £50 was raised on that evening. The district elders also collected £10 between them and asked the members from the branch to match it, which they did and so another £20 was added, and the target reached.

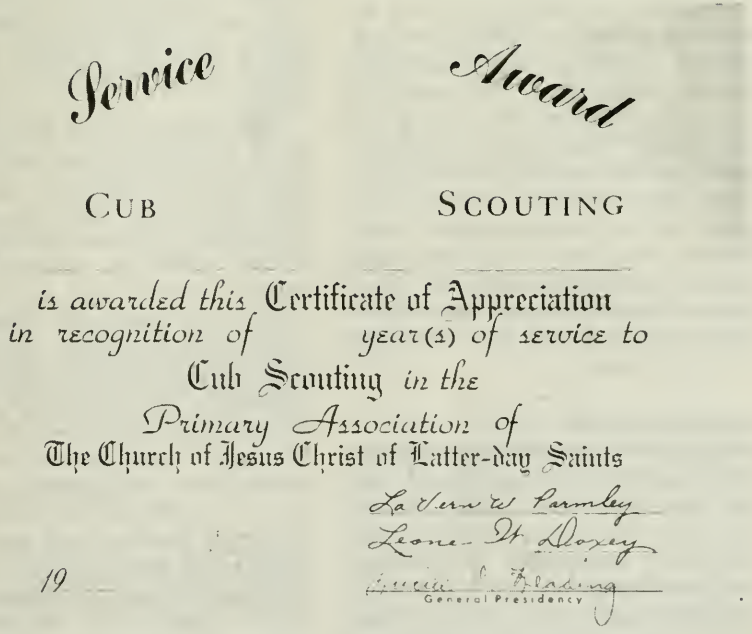
★ The Sacrament service of Sunday 22nd December at the CHELMSFORD branch was a special one inasmuch as it had been written and produced by Dora Cannam. It was a narration for seven voices entitled "The Christmas Story". At appropriate times through the reading, hymns and carols were sung by the congregation, choir and children.

The branch also held an Open House Party in December, where the evening

started with party games for about 1 hour, then Douglas Watlings, led the 80 people present in carol singing. The evening finished with the missionaries presenting the film "Portrait of a Prophet".

★ On December 30th, about 25 relatives and friends of Elder Bruce E. Crockford waved goodbye to him at the CAMBRIDGE Railway Station as he set off for Ireland to serve a mission for two years. Elder Crockford is the first full time proselyting missionary to be sent from the Cambridge Branch, and as one of its stalwart members he has held many positions, including those of chorister, Sunday School teacher, Millennial Star representative, district missionary and Aaronic Priesthood advisor.

★ On Dec. 31st at 8.30 p.m. the IPSWICH District held its annual New Year's Eve Dance at the Ipswich chapel. The Master of Ceremonies was John Cook from Colchester, and the music was provided by the Ray Stewart Five. At approximately 10.30 p.m. there was an interval when everyone had punch and biscuits to refresh them, and a


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spontaneous cabaret, by members of the various branches to entertain them. Time passed very quickly and soon everyone was anxiously awaiting the chimes of Big Ben to ring in the New Year and start the traditional "Old Lang Syne". After a few more dances a New Year Breakfast of "Bangers and Mash" was provided and received gratefully by the tired and hungry dancers.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ On Sunday 19th January, Pres. Leonard Mann of CRAWLEY Branch presented two Appreciation Award Certificates, for service in Cub Scouting in the Primary Association to Cub Scout Leader Judith Perry and Group Scout Leader Victor L. Palmer, of the 8th Crawley (Latter-day Saints) Scout Group. Both were for 3 years devoted service.

These awards we believe, are the first to be presented in the British Isles, certainly the first in the British South Mission. Sister Perry has done her Preliminary Cub Scouter Training, and Cub Scouters Wood Badge Course, conducted by the Scouts Association of Great Britain. She has 15 boys in her pack, and is an enthusiastic leader. Brother Palmer has also taken Scout Leaders Training Courses, and Group Leaders Training Courses. We congratulate them both on their wonderful work and record.

LEICESTER STAKE
WOODSETTON WARD REORGANISED

★ Woodsetton members greeted the New Year with a new bishopric and a completely reorganised ward. Boundary changes in Woodsetton and Wednesfield area, meant that old friends were welcomed back into the ward once more. Brother A. Slater, formerly president of the Wednesfield Branch is now the bishop, with J. Bond as 1st counselor, R. Spencer, 2nd counselor and B. Nettleton, ward clerk.

The new president at Wednesfield is Bro. R. Sherratt with D. Griffiths as 1st counselor and J. Lander, 2nd counselor. Bro. E. L. Collins who has served as bishop of the Woodsetton Ward for some years now, has been appointed to the stake High Council.

★ Jellies, cakes and party games were among the treats for WOODSETTON Sunday School children at their annual party in December. After a scrumptious tea, during which each child had crackers to pull and streamers to throw, John Bond delighted his audience with a clever conjuring act and then showed a comedy film. Before they went home, each of the 40 children received a packet of Smarties, fruit and plastic whistles. Sunday School teachers and officers who had prepared the party spread, were then left to clear away the debris.

The members of the ward saw 1968 out in a tradionally gay fashion with a New Year's Eve dance in the brightly decorated cultural hall. Bro. A. Preece entered the room just before midnight as Old Father Time, bringing with him Sister E. Perkins and her new baby Julie as the new year. Members and friends then circled the couple to join hands singing Old Lang Syne as Big Ben boomed its 12th chime from the radio. Music for the evening was provided by the ward's own group, the "Woodsetton Sound" who played a good mixture of numbers. M.I.A. members caused shrieks of laughter with their comedy cabaret spot which involved songs and skits by Christine and Margaret Davies, Gwenda Hughes, Christine Drew, Lynn Harrison, Christopher Knott, Philip Smith, Geoff Davies and Ray Perkins.

The Mission-aires, who have been reorganised and transferred to Birmingham Ward gave a farewell performance, which was naturally very well received, as the group have been very popular in the ward.

Additional News Central British Mission

★ The Stakes Second Quorum of Elders gave a dinner on Jan 10th at the Central British Mission Home in Sutton Coldfield, approximately 50 guests attended.

Guests of honour for the evening were Pres. and Sister George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission, President Cannon also gave an after dinner speech, Bro. A. Grice, the Stake Melchizedek Priesthood advisor was the other speaker for the evening.

The quorum president, Pres. Wood, unable to attend because of illness, sent a message which was read by his wife. In it he apologised for his absence and praised the support he had received from his counselors and members of the quorum. He urged all the brethren to remember their assignments and mentioned some of the plans they had for 1969.

Sis. W. Megeney, the Birmingham Ward Relief Society president and sisters of the ward were responsible for preparing and serving the meal, and the whole evening was voted a great success.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ November 22nd—To Jim and Sylvia Paul of Scarborough Branch, North British Mission, a daughter Sharon Jane.

★ December 3rd—To Bro and Sis. Sheenhan of Newton Abbot Branch, South West British Mission, a son, Simon Paul.

★ December 8th—To Derek and Kathleen Sillett of Norwich Branch, British Mission, a daughter, Jennifer Carole.

★ December 10th—To Alan and Myra Kennington, Beverley Branch, North British Mission, a daughter, Ruth Simone.

★ January 1969—To Nicholas and Ann Rudd, Trowbridge Branch, South West British Mission, a son, Richard Vaughn.

★ January 3rd—To Cpl. E. D. Watts, R.A.F. and Madeleine, (formerly Manchester South Ward,) at Naples, Italy, a daughter, Catherine Emma.

★ January 15th—To Pat and Cilla Macrae, Aberdeen Branch, Scottish Mission, a son.

★ January 17th—To Stanley and Loraine Fraser, Aberdeen Branch, Scottish Mission, a son, Nicholas James.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ On New Year's Eve, Joyce Storrow of Middlesbrough to Robert Robson of Newcastle. The couple plan to marry in May.

★ Mandy Buxton and Jim Gray of Nottingham Ward. Jim originally came from Scotland on a building mission, but has lived in Nottingham for the past few years.

★ Sheila Flint and Jim Sherlock of Derby Ward. This young couple have made catering their career, and now cater very successfully for many stake events and weddings.

MARRIAGES

★ Garth Goodare and Sandra Nelson were married at the West Hull Branch on December 7th. The couple left for the London Temple immediately after the reception.

★ On December 21st the wedding took place of Neville Frank Cooper and Carol Ann Gunning of the Workington Branch. The ceremony was performed by District Pres. Hughes. The bride wore a dress of white lace and a long veil held in place by a pearl coronet. She was given away by Brother Styles. Marion Gunning and Mary Ismay acted as bridesmaids and Rodney Cooper, brother of the groom, was the best man. The reception was held in the cultural hall of the Carlisle chapel.

★ The marriage between Dennis Hutton Campbell and Avril Marie Dolben took place on December 26th at the Scarborough Chapel. Dennis comes from Dundee, but is very popular in Scarborough, as he worked on the chapel while he was a church builder. The service was conducted by Pres. R. A. Moore. Myra Dolben, the brides sister, was chief bridesmaid, and there were 3 small bridesmaids and three page boys. After the reception the couple left for the London Temple. They are now residing in Dundee.

★ The wedding of Bernard F. Austin of Ashton/Oldham Ward and Angela Elizabeth Mairi Luty, took place at St. James Church, Heckmondwike on December 28th. The reception was held at Prospect Hall, Cleckheaton. Bro. Austin is Elders Quorum president for the Manchester Stake.

★ John Arthur Fenwick of Beverley Branch was married to Dianna Lofthouse of York Branch, in the York Chapel on January 4th. Pres. Pooley of York, conducted the ceremony and Pres. Robert Thistleton performed the marriage. The branch choir sang "Oh Love Eternal". The bride wore a long white dress and veil and was attended by one young bridesmaid dressed in pink. Christopher Bobby acted as best man. The couple have made their home at York, further congratulations are also due to John, who recently passed his finals in Nursing.

SILVER WEDDING

★ Pres. William Selbie Black and his wife recently celebrated 25 years of wedded bliss when they held their Silver Wedding party at the Branch Cultural Hall. All members were invited to the party and about 100 guests arrived to congratulate them. The Aberdeen Branch Band supplied music for dancing and singing. A three course supper was provided also plenty of fruit juices to drink, and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

ORDINATIONS TO ELDER

★ Philip Henry Henwood, Middlesbrough Ward, Sunderland Stake.

★ Garth Goodare, West Hull Branch, North British Mission.

OBITUARIES

★ December 8th, Leslie Ann Aspinall, aged 6 month, daughter of George and June Aspinall of Southport Branch, North British Mission.

★ Sister Jones of West Hull Branch, aged 91 years died on January 2nd. She was the oldest member of the branch, and active despite her great age. She attended the Christmas service the week prior to her death.



Sister Rosalind Carter, South London Ward, London Stake, holds her first child, Janson, who began his earthly adventure by "weighing in" at 4.30 a.m. on New Year's Day, 1969 at Nelson Hospital and tipping the scale at 8 lb. Bro. Carter rushed Sister Carter to the Hospital by car. (Photo courtesy The Wimbledon News)

Final Plans Related For March 27-30 Student Meet At Sunderland

★ Following a special report from Elders Spencer W. Kimball, and Richard Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve, and Marion D. Hanks, Assistant to the Twelve, the First Presidency have assigned Elder Hanks to attend the Second National LDS Student Convention, in Sunderland March 27-30. Elder Hanks has responsibility for the LDS Student Association.

Elder Hank's visit for Convention 69 signals significant interest in and concern in the students in Great Britain and Eire.

Elder Hanks will be participating in the Saturday morning fringe panel which will be considering issues in the sciences and arts as they relate to students, and will be speaking in the Sunday morning conference. Other guests include John M. Madsen, coordinator, British Seminary District, who will be addressing a Devotional Assembly on the theme of Building and Combining Intellectual and Spiritual Convictions; Pres. J. W. Child of the British South Mission, and Church sponsor of the organising Deseret Club in the University of Oxford, will be taking one of the Friday afternoon discussion groups (with the theme of the Students Responsibility to the Lord); Pres. Joseph Hamstead, London Stake president, for the Fringe Panel, and Pres. Frederick W. Oates, Sunderland Stake and Pres. George I. Cannon, Central British Mission will also be speaking in the Sunday Conference. This guest list is also well seasoned with a number of undergraduate and graduate speakers.

Deposits must be paid by March 9, accounts settled by March 13: to write for a Brochure straight away would just give enough time. The address is G. St. John Stott, CONVENTION 69, Jesus College, Oxford, OX1 3OW.

Activities are varied, as previous articles have suggested; two worth special mention are that a special Service Project will be tackled for the Sunderland Old Peoples Welfare Committee, and that the Convention Ball will be jointly held with the Sunderland Stake Gold and Green.

The free drama period will be under the direction of Kay L. Moorby, the barbecue will be held at Roker Beach, and Michael G. Jones will be working with Pauline Doggett, London Stake YWMIA president on Sports Activities for the convention, not only an afternoon period on the Saturday, but prebreakfast activities such as a run on Friday and basketball on Saturday. All the loose ends are tied up, and a stimulating weekend anticipated.

Tabernacle Choir Wins New Friends Through Washington Inaugural

★ Sounding as one voice the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir with unusually sparkling and clear diction, added a great spiritual tone to the inaugural ceremonies for the new president of the United States held in Washington, D. C. Jan. 20.

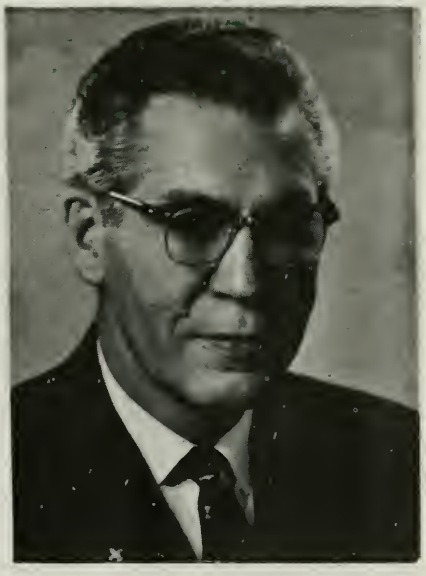
President Richard M. Nixon personally paid tribute to the 375-voice choir after the triumphal inaugural concert in beautiful Constitution Hall. He enthusiastically shook hands with Richard P. Condie, choir director; Howard Mitchell conductor of the National Symphony Orchester and bowed to the singers. (The Choir was what most Nixon relatives wanted to see and hear in Washington).

The concert audience represented a "Who's Who" of official Washington including virtually every dignitary, domestic and foreign in the U.S. Capitol.

The concert concluded the pre-inaugural events on Sunday which began for the Choir singing its 2,057th nationwide CBS broadcast from Constitution Hall, tickets for which had disappeared many days previous. (Tickets were available to non-members of the Church, and were necessary to limit the size of the audience.)

Representing President David O. McKay in Washington was President N. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency.

Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve, commentator, and author of the "Spoken Word" welcomed the audience at the Choir broadcast. At the organ was Dr. Alexander Schreiner, celebrated Tabernacle organist.



Pres. N. Eldon Tanner who represented Pres. David O. McKay in Washington.

The Choir undoubtedly impressed millions of new friends as the singers presented a 15-minute concert on the steps of the U.S. Capitol just before the swearing-in ceremonies for the new president on Monday.

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Mormon Choir at inaugural in front of the White House.



Elder Richard L. Evans, center, chats with colleagues in U.S. capitol

was the introduction of the great choral group by Senator Everett M. Dirksen.

The Thursday previous, Mr. Mitchell rehearsed the Tabernacle Choir in historic Salt Lake Tabernacle and during the 10-minute experience, he said: "You're wonderful! . . . Oh, you are indeed, marvelous, That's beautiful. I don't know why I came; you're already perfect."

Also performing with the Choir at the inaugural were Andre Watts, the brilliant young Negro pianist and Anna Moffo, Metropolitan Opera and La Scala Opera soprano.

Many Latter-day Saints were involved in the inaugural programmes J. Willard Marriott, chairman of the 1969 Inaugural Committee, is a prominent business man and a former stake president. He was born in Marriott, Utah, his grandfather having migrated from Illinois to Utah in 1847.

Mrs Mariott was chairman of the Distinguished Ladie Reception held on Saturday evening for 7,000 distinguished women who attended by special invitation.

Robert W. Barker, an attorney, was general counsel for the committee and responsible for legal, tax, contract, liability, and insurance details.

Mark Evans Austad, radio-TV executive, co-chairman of the inaugural ball committee was in charge of six balls to be held in five hotels and the Smithsonian Institution.

Jesse R. Smith, member, Law and Legislature Committee, a special coordinator on concert committee, handled all arrangements for the appearance and feeding and housing of the Mormon Choir.

Several hundred Church members in Washington provided rooms in their homes for the singers plus meals and transportation to and from the central meeting place.

One police officer said after the prayer by one of the Choir members preceding the inaugural ceremonies, "You cannot fail after such a prayer to God."

Others aiding in the successful project for the famed choir were Jay E. Welch, assistant choir director; Robert Cundick, Tabernacle organist.

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Because some parents have not attended to this important counsel, many of their children today and the posterity of these children are out of the Church, separated from the greatest gift in life, and thus are denied all of the blessings which they could otherwise have received from faithful Church membership.

The revelation continues with this further admonition to parents:

"And they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord.

"And the inhabitants of Zion shall also observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy." (Ibid., 68:28-29.)

To prevent these conditions with their penalties, parents who desire to abide by counsel have no alternative except to follow religiously the admonition and instruction the Lord has given them in this revelation. He also issued an additional warning, which admonishes parents of the obligation they have for the spiritual upbringing of their children.



Rehearsal in Constitution Hall with Howard Mitchell, conductor of the National Symphony Orchester.

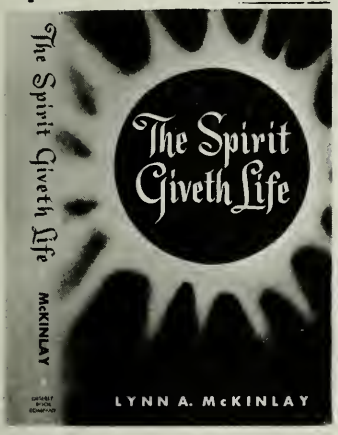


Male voices of Tabernacle choir in Constitution Hall.

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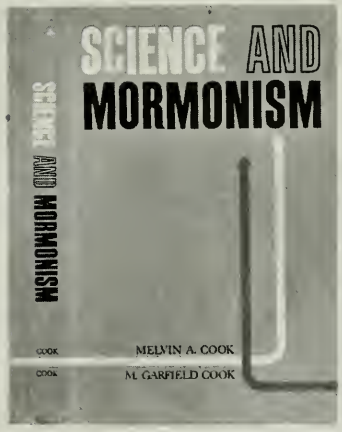
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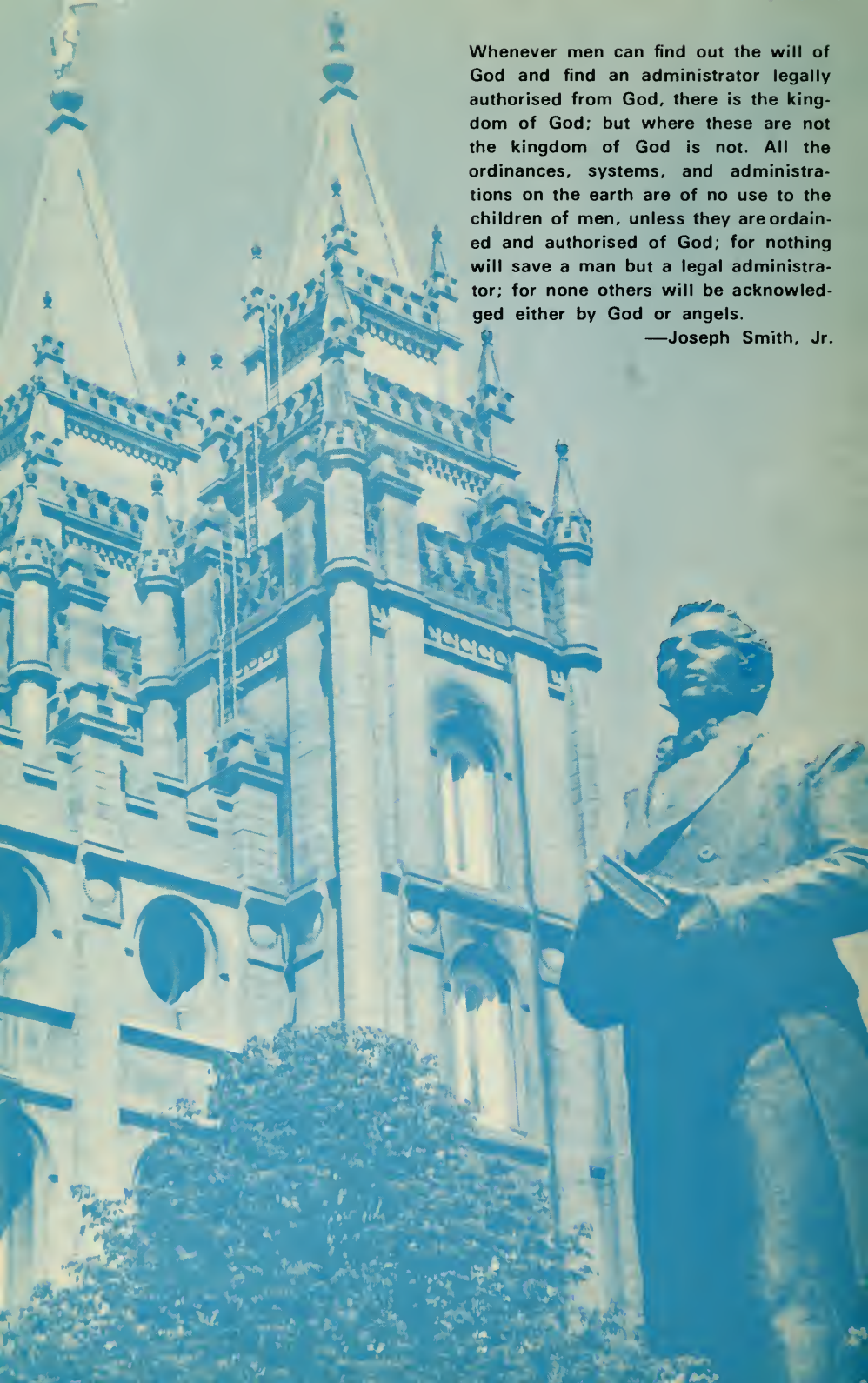


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—Joseph Smith, Jr.

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Pres. Egbert J. Brown and Sister Elva Brown of the Scottish Mission.

Introducing the Scottish Mission

BROWN

by Elder Kirk Bennett

★ Egbert J. Brown seems to have discovered some secret process for squeezing 30 hours into a 24-hour day. There is no other way to explain the prodigious activity of the man. He has been the mayor of Mesa, Arizona where the serious business of municipal government, coupled with the time-consuming chores of ribbon cutting and celebrity greeting, takes up many hours each week. He has been the president of the East Mesa Stake of the Church, president of the Roosevelt Council Boy Scouts of America, president of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns as well as a member of the board of directors of the Arizona Bank. He was appointed Atomic Energy Commissioner by the governor of Arizona. Pres. Brown is co-owner of Brown & Hoeye Chevrolet Company in Mesa, Arizona.

Pres. Brown grew up on a farm attended Arizona State University, and studied accounting by correspondence. He started his career in his father's garage in Mesa earning around £7 per week. When he was called to be a Bishop of the Fifth Ward in Mesa he declared "That was probably the biggest turning point of my life. It taught

me that no man can lead a truly balanced and happy life if he devotes all of his time to business. I started giving many hours to my Church each week and from there I went on to give other hours to scouting, to the Lions Club and finally to the government of my city. To my surprise, I found that despite all the times I gave to my Church and civic work, I was becoming a more effective business man besides."

His wife Elva, keeps almost as busy as President Brown. She is a devoted worker in the Church and while at home was an enthusiastic bowler and took care of the Brown's new home. They are the parents of three sons and one daughter and have 16 grandchildren.

Their family increased extensively, however, when they arrived in Scotland to preside over the Scottish Mission in June of 1966. They now have 200 adopted sons and daughters, the Elders and Sisters of the Scottish Mission. The missionaries are proud to call them mission parents.

THE 23rd PSALM

written in broad Scots and found in a very old paper
by George C. and Maisie Liston

The Lord to me's a 'herd indeed,
I sanna want for ony gweed.
He mak's me lie on reif o'green,
Whaur peacefu' waters aye are seen.

He purifies my soul frae sin,
Sets me upon my feet to rin
On the richt road, He dis it flake,
To keep me safe for His name's sake.

I winna fear when he is near,
Tho' death an' darkness roun' me veer:
The darkest nicht wi him is clear,
His rod will guide, His staff will cheer.

Tho' I'm wi' enemies set roun',
He loads my table up an' doon:
My heid wi' oil He dis weel weet,
My cup's aye lippin' fu's ye see't.

He's gweed an' mercifu' to me,
Thro' life I ne'er doot but He'll be;
Sine in His ain house He'll keep me
For time and for eternity.



Gospel Brought to Scots During Winter of 1839

★ The Gospel of Jesus Christ was brought to the mighty Scots in the winter of 1839 by Elder James Mulliner and Alexander Wright. Each had joined the Church there and had then emigrated to America. Elder Mulliner stopped in Edinburgh to see his parents and to begin systematic proselyting. Elder Wright went further north to where his family lived in a memorable episode of courage. No boats operated that season so, poorly fed and clothed, he walked all the way. He slept some of the nights in the open. He was repeatedly troubled by illness which a chemist diagnosed as small pox. He delayed only two days and then continued, bearing his testimony on the way. Strangely enough, when he arrived at his former home, he was completely well.

Elder Mulliner baptised the first Scottish family on January 14, 1840. Five days later at the confirmation service he received the gift of tonges, a divine approbation of the Gospel beginnings in Scotland.

By the time Orson Pratt arrived in May, Scotland had 80 Latter-day Saints. The morning after he first saw Edinbugh he did a remarkable thing. He climbed a jutting hill not far away (some still refer to it as "Pratt's Hill) and importuned the Lord to give him 200 souls in baptism. Then he worked. When six months later he



Holyrood Palace, named "Arthur's seat" but is commonly known as "Pratt's hill" by the missionaries.

attended the mission conference in Manchester, he reported over 250 members in the Edinburgh area.

Then the apostles came. Ultimately there were eight there at one time. John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff came first. They had left behind their destitute families and were both ill, scarcely able to walk. This was the beginning of the Scottish Mission.

Scotland was part of the British Mission and as that expanded it became a district of the North British Mission. There were only 12 missionaries in this district. On December 22, 1960, Pres. Brockbank, then the president of the North British Mission was informed by the First Presidency that he was to form the Scottish-Irish Mission and became the new mission president.

The work progressed and in 1962 the Scottish and Irish missions were formed from the Scottish-Irish Mission. The Scottish Mission continued until it was also divided that same year into the Scottish and the North Scottish Missions. The mission went forward with many baptisms and the building of several chapels. When the Glasgow Stake was formed the North Scottish and Scottish missions were again combined into the Scottish Mission as it remains today. It has a compliment of nine missionary sisters, 6 couples and 161 elders. There are sixteen new buildings in Scotland. The work continues to progress.



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Reformer- John Knox

★ Scotland has a rich and colourful history one, that if proper treatment of it were given here, would take more space than can be allotted at this time. Therefore much of that which is printed in this issue pertains more to the spiritual than the temporal background.

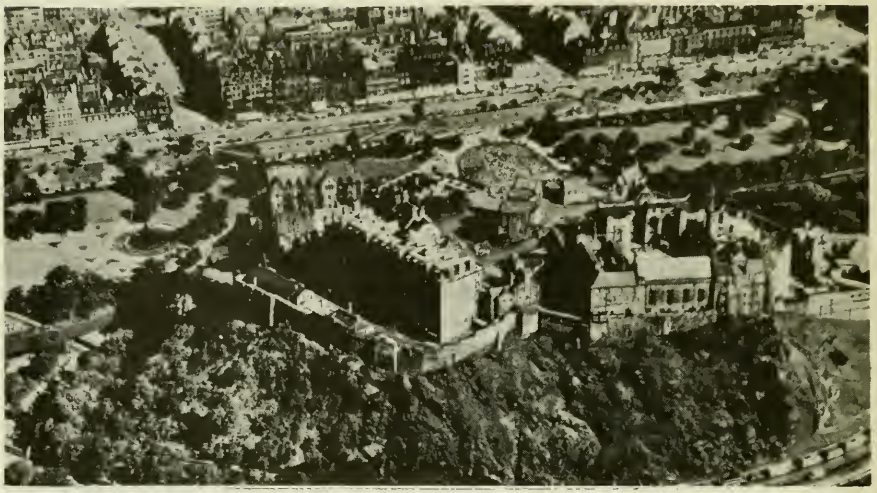
John Knox, the great reformer, and others like him, wanted Scotland to change its religion because they believed that the Church of Rome taught many things not to be found in the Bible. They also believed the clergy were doing more harm than good to the people. The people were discontented with the Church because one third of all the wealth in the country was in the hands of the clergy; the bishops and abbots lived in luxury, while they did not give nearly so much to the poor as they ought to have done; the poorest people were compelled to make gifts to the Church, otherwise the priest would neither marry them, bury them, nor baptise their children. Many of the clergy also lived such bad lives and were so ignorant, that they were quite unfit to be ministers of religion, and were the laughing-stock of the people.

John Knox and others like him, said that a Church which allowed such a state of things could not be the true Church, and that it was their duty to try to put an end to it.

John Knox's zeal and eloquence did much to further the cause of the Reformation. He returned to Scotland in 1559 after a long exile on the Continent, and became the very leader the reformers needed. Though small in stature he had such courage that it was said, "he never feared the face of man."



John Knox's house in Edinburgh.



Edinburgh Castle with the beautiful Princes Street and the shopping parade.

Edinburgh Unusual City

★ Edinburgh is an unusual city. Her shape has never been affected by the flow of water. Her very name signifies a slope. She grew, in the Scottish manner, out of a single street: a high and windy street on the crest of a ridge. Where most cities seek shelter in a valley, drain the water-meadow, sternly guide the river flow, and inhale the damps of ghostly marshes, Old Edinburgh rode high, in harsh and drastic exposure.

St. Margaret's Chapel, on the Castle rock, is the oldest structure in Edinburgh. Built by the Queen Saint about the year 1090, although small, measuring only twenty-six by ten feet, it has instant beauty. It has been given a curiously perched appearance through the cutting away of the rock for a roadway in the 16th century. At the same time this emphasises its position on the very summit of the Castle rock, the highest as well as the oldest foundation in the city.

It has withstood all the vicissitudes of seige and storming that the castle has suffered. In 1313 Randolph, Earl of Moray, Bruce's nephew, recaptured the castle from the English by climbing the rock and delivering a suprise assault. He levelled, at the King's command, every building and fortification except this chapel. After the Reformation, the chapel became the gunner's storehouse, and a reformed chapel was built against the east wall. But in the last century it was once again restored as a memorial to that early Scottish Queen.

One must also know of the Edinburgh Festival, known throughout the world, where drama, music and art are brought from many countries. Usually held the last of August, one of the most popular items is the Military Tattoo.

ARCHIBALD R. RICHARDSON

First Counselor, Scottish Mission

★ President Richardson has a long history of service in the Church. He was baptised in 1951 and within a few months was called as second counselor in the Glasgow Branch Presidency. A year later he was called to be the branch president. In 1958 he joined the district presidency as first counselor. When the Scottish-Irish Mission was formed, he was asked to be a counselor to Bernard P. Brockbank, mission president. In September, 1961 he was called to serve full-time in the mission presidency. The new Glasgow Stake was formed in 1962 and Pres. Richardson became its first president. He was released in September, 1968 to become first counselor to Egbert J. Brown the mission president.

Pres. Richardson married Catherine Easton and they are the parents of six children. They are a united, happy family and they give much credit for this to the teachings of the Church. They particularly enjoy and feel the benefit from the Family Home Evening.

The entire family have contributed much to the Church in a musical capacity. Sister Richardson has done outstanding work with The Singing Mothers and was involved with this group from its beginning in Scotland. In those days Pres. Richardson assisted her and he has since organised and trained Priesthood choruses. Irene, the eldest of the children, has also done good work with youth choruses in the Glasgow Stake. The Richardson family play the following instruments: piano, organ piano, accordion, trumpet and guitar.



Pres. Archibald R. Richardson, and his wife, Catherine.

Their son, Alex is learning to play the piano and plays well enough to play for the Ward Primary each week.

Pres. Richardson has worked as a grocery branch manager, company representative, and at present is the Scottish area manager for his company.

ALISTAIR JAMES McWILLIAM SMITH
Second Counselor, Scottish Mission

★ Pres. Smith was born in New Elgin, Morayshire, forty one years ago. He spent his youth in various small towns along the Moray Firth coast and was a newspaper reporter when he was called up for service in the Royal Horse Artillery. He served in Egypt and Palestine and was among the last troops to leave Palestine on May, 15, 1948. Since demobilisation he has been an officer in the Aberdeen City Police. He is now in charge of the Identification Bureau in this force with the rank of Detective Inspector. He is a member of the Nat-



Pres. Alister J. M. Smith.

ional Conference of Fingerprint Experts. A well-known Scottish ornithologist and bird photographer, he is at present completing a twelve year study of the breeding biology and migration of the Sandwich Tern.

Pres. Smith is married with five children whose ages range from six to seventeen years. The family was converted to the Church in 1955. Pres. Smith has served as Sunday School superintendent, counselor to a branch president, counselor to a district president, district mission president, district president and has been counselor to four mission presidents.

Cook Aids In Many Ways

ALISON DUNCAN

★ Alison Duncan, cook in the mission home, although not a member of the Church, is called "Sister Duncan" by all of the missionaries of the Scottish Mission. She is loved by every missionary and is very popular in the mission home for she is a wonderful cook and a friend to everyone. She has served under three mission presidents. She has many old favourite Scottish recipes of her mother.

She does well in public relations putting in kind words for the "Mormons." She has two daughters who live in the States.

A well educated person, she speaks several languages and has a wide interest in many things, keeps up-to-date with current events, loves gardening, concerts and operas.

Sister Duncan was formerly a "buyer" for a large department store in London.



Alison Duncan, mission home cook.

Scottish Mission



Front of mission home and offices of Scottish Mission, located next to the Edinburgh Chapel.



Mission home staff, Sister Carolyn Price, Elder Hoagland, Elder Burt, Elder Douglas Larsen.



Stone seen in front gardens of mission home is the one taken from an old building in Stirling and is shown in the film on President David O. McKay's life. He received encouragement from inscription while on his first mission to Scotland.



Relief Society cakes made and decorated by the five districts. Kilmarnock District, bottom left, was judged most beautiful.



Mission Relief Society Board making plans for Visiting Teachers Convention. From left, Betty Burns, secy.; Elva M. Brown, wife of mission president; supervisor; Sally Brown, president and Charlotte Ross, work counselor. Roberta Munro, not seen, is educational counselor.



Part of MIA executives in quarterly leadership held by mission board for districts. Presidents and counselor in charge of MIA are also present.



Youth committee James Stronoch Jr., Sis. May Kennedy, mision YWMIA president; David Brown, committee chairman; and mission YMMIA secy.; Elizabeth McLeod, mission secy. of YWMIA; William Goldie first assistant YMMIA and Alene O'Shaunghnessy, mis sion YWMIA activity counselor.



A group at the Elders Quorum Convention in Dundee East Chapel.

Elders Quorum Conducts Successful Convention

★ The first Elders Quorum Convention in the Scottish Mission was held recently at the Dundee East Chapel under the direction of the newly appointed presidency of Aberdeen and Dundee Districts.

Stanley Thompson of Aberdeen is the new president with Jame Dunlop and David Black, counselors and John Keough, secretary.

The afternoon session was devoted to workshops and instruction on the various priesthood functions. Simultaneously wives of the priesthood members were addressed by Anne Crook, Elva Brown and Pres. Alister Smith with Sally Brown, conducting.

A conjoint meeting followed with Mission Pres. Egbert J. Brown, and Pres. Alister Smith speaking and a film was shown.

A lovely dinner was prepared by Bro. John Keough, and served by the priesthood. An entertaining programme and dance followed. It is planned such work and social sessions will become a regular feature of quorum activity.



Elders Quorum presidency of Dundee and Aberdeen District. James Dunlop, 2C; Stanley Thompson, president; John Keough, secy. and David Black, 1C.

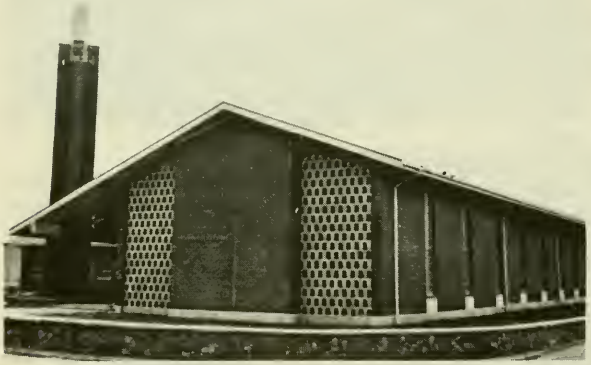


Edward Stevens, president, newly organised 2nd Quorum of Elders in Scottish Mission.

Typical New Chapels



Dumbarton Chapel.



Ayr Chapel and Paisley Chapel of similar design.



Drumchapel.

A Testimony Of A Modern Day Prophet Of God



McKay Family crest.

McKay

EDITOR'S NOTE:

★ No historical reference to the Scottish Mission would be complete without considerable reference to the sublime life of President David O. McKay whose ancestors came originally from that great land. The Millennial Star takes great pride in reprinting several incidents of note from president McKay's mission, his father's mission to Scotland, and inspirational events which have transpired through the years. Also of significance are some experiences since President McKay became the ninth president of the Church in 1951. Credit and appreciation is given to President McKay's private secretary, Miss Clare Middlemiss in Salt Lake City, and Scottish Mission Pres. and Sister Egbert J. Brown for providing this material. We trust all members of the Church may reap the same wealth of inspiration and love from these experiences.

A TESTIMONY

★ The year is 1898; the missionary experience belongs to Elder David O. McKay. His words and his experience appeared in The Millennial Star, Vol. 60 No. 47, Nov. 24, 1898, Page 747.

The elders labouring in Ayr, relate the following experience which will be interesting and encouraging perhaps to some of the readers of the Star:

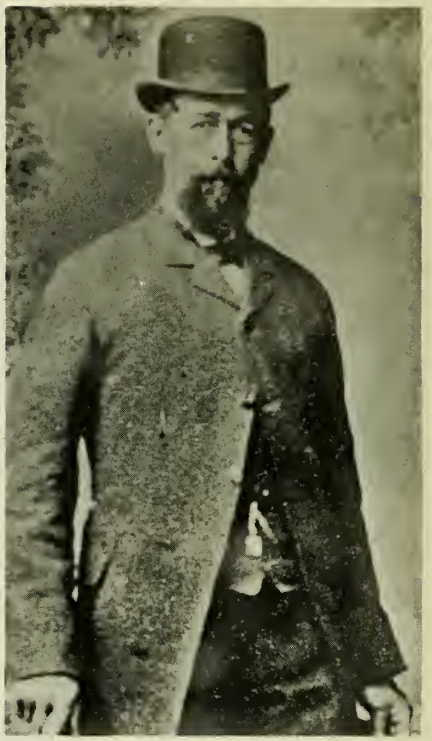
For some time after our arrival in Ayr we had no encouragement whatever from the people; but were met with such cold indifference that our hopes were lowered nearly to the point of despair. However we perserved with our street meetings and on July 4th had the satisfaction of speaking to our first good audience. As the meeting proceeded a spirit of opposition became very manifest. Our opponents tried to interrupt us, but a women's encouraging voice was heard, saying: "Pay no attention to the disturbers; your teachings are in accordance with the scriptures. Go on with your meeting!" She was an entire stranger to us, and little knew at the time what consolation and encouragement her words gave two humble servants of the Lord.

She was recognized at several of our

succeeding meetings, and on the evening of September 5th, we had the pleasure of conversing with her. Mrs Wilson, for that is her name, invited us to her home, and in accepting the invitation we took with us some views of Utah. In the illustration of the Salt Lake Temple is a picture of one of the windows showing the Prophet Joseph Smith recieving his first vision. When Mrs. Wilson saw this she shed tears of joy and said, "I saw in a dream that man praying in the woods, a long time ago."

As the conversation continued, Elder N..... read his blessing received when he was set apart for his mission. Among other promises made him was that "Angels should go before him." When the lady heard this, she testified again saying, "That is true; angels have been here; and I saw you two men coming from America to preach the gospel."

Mrs. Wilson and her two daughters have been baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



David McKay, father of President McKay, as a missionary, 1881-1883.

A Faith Promoting Incident

(President McKay tells of a faith promoting experience at a Priesthood meeting for missionaries held in Glasgow, Scotland, May 29, 1899, at which time President James W. McMurrin made a prediction that he will "yet sit in the leading councils of the Church".)

★ I was on my first mission, president at the time of the Scottish Conference in the year 1899. Presiding over the European Mission were Elders Platt D. Lyman, Henry W. Naisbett and James McMurrin. Pres. McMurrin represented the European Presidency at a conference held in Glasgow, Scotland. Following a series of meetings, we held a most remarkable priesthood meeting, one that will never be forgotten by any man who was present.

I remember as if it were yesterday, the intensity of inspiration of that occasion. Everybody felt the rich out-

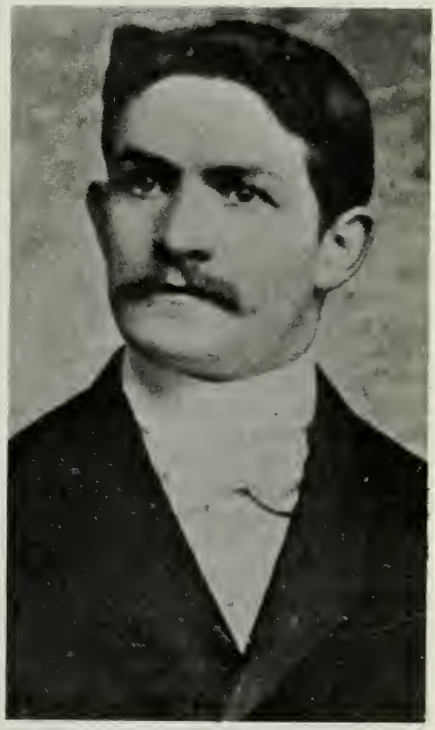


Jennette Evelyn Evans McKay, mother of President McKay.

pouring of the spirit of the Lord. All present were truly of one heart and one mind. Never before had I experienced such an emotion. It was a manifestation for which as a doubting youth I had secretly prayed most earnestly on hillside and in meadow. It was an assurance to me that sincere prayer is answered "sometime, somewhere."

During the progress of the meeting, an elder on his own initiative arose and said, "Brethren, there are angels in this room." Strange as it may seem, the announcement was not startling, indeed it seemed wholly proper; though it had not occured to me there were divine beings present. I only knew that I was overflowing with gratitude for the presence of the holy spirit. I was profoundly impressed, however, when Pres. James McMurrin arose and confirmed that statement by pointing to one brother sitting just in front of me and saying, "Yes, brethren, there are angels in this room, and one of them is the guardian angel of that young man sitting there," and he designated one who today is a patriarch in the Church.

Pointing to another elder he said, "and one is the guardian angel of that young man there" and he singled out one whom I had known from childhood. Tears were rolling down the cheeks of both of these missionaries, not in sorrow or grief, but as an expression of



President McKay during his mission to Scotland in 1899-1901.



Little stucco home in Merthyr-Tydfil, South Wales, in which President McKay's mother, Jennette Evelyn Evans, was born Aug. 28, 1850.

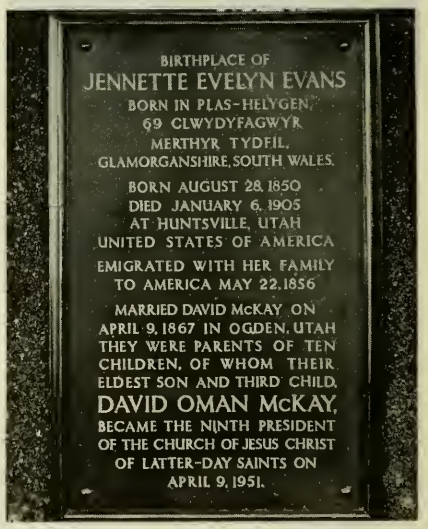
the overflowing spirit. Indeed we were all weeping.

Such was the setting in which James McMurrin gave what has since proved to be a prophecy.

I had learned by intimate association with him that James McMurrin was pure gold; his faith in the Gospel implicit; that no truer man, no more loyal man to what he thought was right, ever lived; so when he turned to me and gave what I thought then was more of a caution than a promise, his words make an indelible impression upon me. Paraphasing the words of the Saviour to Peter, he said, "Let me say to you Brother David, Satan hath desired you that he may sift you as wheat, but God is mindful of you." Then he added, "If you will keep the faith you will yet sit in the leading councils of the Church." At that moment there flashed into my mind temptations that had beset my path, and I realized even better than Pres. McMurrin or any other man, how truly he had spoken. With the resolve then and there to keep the faith there was born a desire to be of service to my fellow men, and with it a realization, a glimpse at least, of what I owed to the elder who first carried the message of the Restored Gospel to my grandfather and grandmother who had accepted the message years before in the north of Scotland.

Following that meeting I had an occasion to visit the scenes of my grandparents' childhood, and I more fully and completely comprehended what the Gospel had done for them and for their descendants.

I know that this incident means but little to others, but to me it connotes so much that is intimately precious and so profoundly important as a milestone in my life that I cherish it as a sacred possession.



Plaque unveiled by President McKay on his mother's birthplace in South Wales on March 2, 1961.



Home of William McKay and Ellen Oman McKay at Janetstown, near Thurso, Scotland. (Insert—picture of William McKay and Ellen Oman McKay).

Today's Beloved Prophet Recalls 1952 Visit To Scotland

(Excerpts from Remarks made in Edinburgh by President David O. McKay on his visit to Scotland, June 4, 1952.)

★ Very few who are present realize what this moment means to me. With appreciation of your welcome I associate in a reminiscent mood events that brought me to the position that I now occupy . . . Let me state briefly that it has been over a hundred years since my grandfather, William McKay, and my grandmother, Ellen Oman McKay, left Thurso, Scotland, having become converts to the Church.

About 1877 William McKay, my grandfather, came back to his native land as a missionary and went up to Wick, Thurso, and Aberdeen, bearing witness that the Gospel had been restored and that he knew it to be true. About 1882, his son, David, my father, came over here as a missionary. He too laboured in Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen, and in Thurso, and he was president of the Scottish Conference.

In 1897 I was called as a missionary, an unmarried man, young, earnest, and eager . . . Rulon S. Wells appointed me president of the Glasgow Conference.

An old lady in Thurso whom I visited in 1898 was the playmate of my grandmother. She remembered when William McKay and Ellen Oman were married. She remembered when they were baptised, in referring to which she said, "I remember when they dipped them i' the Burn; do ye do that noo?" I assured her that we did. "And are ye Willie's grandson? Ach a'ne, ach a'ne, I am getin' auld!" She felt then as I do tonight. Sir Walter Scott expressed it:

"Years rush by us like the wind,
We see not whence the eddy comes,
Nor witherward it is tending,
And we seem, ourselves, to witness
their flight
Without a sense that we are changed.
Yet time is beguiling man of his strength
As the winds rob the trees of their
foliage."

Though time dim our youthfulness and affect the physical body, it cannot touch the spirit. And so, as I look back in reminiscent moods upon these events and many others that have crowded my mind, I stand before you with gratitude in my heart that a humble elder a hundred years ago knocked at a door in Thurso, or really Janetstown near Thurso, and testified that the Gospel of Jesus Christ had been restored. I am thankful that my grandfather and grandmother believed that, because that was the beginning of all the events that have happened in the century leading to this moment.



Fellow Scots visit with President Mckay and Sister McKay in their suite in Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City.



Cave where President McKay's father went to pray while on his mission to Scotland.

President McKay Has Seen Church Expand into World Wide Organisation

★ What article about Scotland would be complete without the story of the beloved prophet of the Church, David O. McKay.

Born in the Alpine like Utah community of Huntsville on September 3, 1873 four years after the pioneer era ended with the coming of the railroad to Utah, President David O. McKay has seen the Church grow literally into the worldwide organisation it had been prophesied it would become.

During his presidency, beginning April 9, 1951, the stakes have been extended to Europe, Latin America, Australia, and the islands of the sea. He has pronounced dedicatory prayers for five temples: Swiss, Los Angles, New Zealand, London, and Oakland. The seminary and institute programmes have been expanded—Bringham Young University has grown to become the largest church related university in the world; and colleges and schools have been established in Hawaii, New Zealand, and other mission areas. There is hardly an area in which the Church has not witnessed phenomenal growth while President McKay has been at its head. He has also traveled more widely than any other Prophet in the history of the restored Church, visiting the stakes and missions throughout the world.

Most Precious Thing

"I realized in youth that the most precious thing that a man could obtain in this life was a testimony of the divinity of this work. I hungered for it. I felt that if I could get that, all else would indeed seem insigificant," he has recalled.

As a young missionary serving in Scotland before the turn of the century, he knew discouragement when he realised that many wonderful people in the land of his father were letting the

message of the Gospel go unheeded. Then one day he saw an uncompleted building with a motto carved in stone over a doorway, 'What'er Thou Art, Act Well Thy Part.' He said later that this was the turning point of his mission.

At a meeting in the mission field one day, James McMurrin, his mission president turned and said "Let me say to you, Brother David, Satan hath desired you that he may sift you as wheat, but God is mindful of you." Then he added, "if you will keep faith, you will sit in the leading councils of the Church."

After completing his mission, David O. McKay married the sweetheart of his university days, Emma Ray Riggs, in the Salt Lake Temple on January 2, 1901. They became the parents of seven children, one of whom died in childhood.

Many Positions

David O. McKay's roles in the Church have been many. He was serving as principal of Weber Academy in Ogden when he was called to the Council of the Twelve at the April 1906 general conference. Six months later, in October 1906, he became a member of the general superintendency of Sunday Schools. For many years he devoted much of his time to directing this programme, becoming general superintendent in 1918, and serving in this capacity until he was chosen to be a counselor to President Heber J. Grant of the First Presidency in October 1934.

As a member of the Twelve he visited many of the missions and stakes of the Church. He made a worldwide tour of missions in 1920-21 and presided over the European mission in 1922-24. Then in April 1951, 45 years to the day since he had been ordained to the Twelve, he became President of the Church.

President McKay is a great teacher. An elder who was nearly called to preside over the mission in Brazil said of the calling, "This is such a great honour." The Prophet, with his kindly but piercing eyes, looked into the appointee's soul and replied, "No, not a great honour. It is a great trust!"

President David O. McKay has been mindful of the solemn trust that is his both to the Lord and to the Saints.



McKay home near Janetstown.

Aberdeen District

★ Aberdeen stands on a shoulder of ground between the Dee and the Don rivers and was once two separate burghs—Aberdeen on the Dee and the Aulton on the Don. They are now one though still distinguishable.

In medieval times, Aberdeen had a strong castle. The Aulton had a cathedral and, from 1494, a university. Aberdeen prospered by trade with the Continent; the Aulton was devoted to learning. Aberdeen had a good anchorage on the Dee, the Aulton a poor one on the Don: so the trading went more and more to the former. The merchants of Aberdeen turned the anchorage into a harbour at great labour as their trade with Europe grew: and to satisfy that trade they developed the resources of the countryside. That countryside was poor in everything but people. The people were put to work in the homes, the textile, and especially in knitting stockings. When the factory system came in, the merchants started mills in the town which attracted people from the country parishes and the highlands. The town's growth caused the town council to make a grand town plan. The clutter of old hovels was swept away, a hill removed and a new street westward through the middle of the town completed. The area was designed in classical style and brought to it a certain elegance. Simultaneously masons discovered how to dress the native granite, so a new and handsome Aberdeen arose.

Aberdeen has had three natural resources, the sea, the farmland and the industry of her people. The manufacture of linen and cotton led to great expansion in the late eighteenth century. Then a market was found for Granite.



Patrick McRae

PATRICK McRAE

★ Patrick McRae—is an Aberdonian by birth, educated in Aberdeen and was prominent in junior football and youth organisation work during his teens. Served in the Royal Air Force on call-up. Became a top sales representative with a national firm and was in this field when he was converted to the Church in 1962 Later he went into business and is now owner of a wholesale fish firm. He is married with four daughters and a son.

During his service in the Church he has been a branch president, counselor to a district president and is now president of the Aberdeen District, the most northerly in the British Isles. He is keenly interested in youth in the Church and recently was involved with the team which won the Mark E. Petersen Football Trophy.



William S. Black



Shewan Duthie

WILLIAM S. BLACK Counselor in the district presidency was the district mission president and has served as Aberdeen Branch president. He is the father of The "Black Brothers" who are known as football stars.

SHEWAN DUTHIE A counselor in the district presidency, served as district clerk. He is a member of the Aberdeen Police force.

EDNA SMITH Is district Primary president and until recently was district Relief Society president as well as working in the Y.W.M.I.A. Blessed with a beautiful contralto voice she presents many musical numbers and is a devoted Church worker. She has five lovely children and accompanies her husband in his position as counselor to the mission president.

VIOLET, "LENA" ROBERTSON District Relief Society president previously was branch Relief Society president. She loves people and lives the Golden Rule.

LILY BRUCE Although young in age, has had experience in Church, having



Edna Smith



Violet Robertson



Lily Bruce



Isabel Coull



James Dunlop



Joseph B. Coull

served as a counselor in the district Y.W.M.I.A. plus as an officer in the branch M.I.A. before her present calling.

ISABEL COULL District chorister and choir director is a talented musician. Until recently she was district Primary president. She is also a school teacher.

JAMES DUNLOP District Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent and counselor in the newly organised Elders Quorum of the Aberdeen-Dundee districts, came to Aberdeen from Australia with his wife and family.

JOSEPH B. COULL District Sunday School superintendent and also district councilman.

STANLEY THOMSON President of the Elders Quorum of Aberdeen-Dundee districts, formerly was Aberdeen Branch president and also a counselor in the district presidency. He is one of the few in Scotland whose parents have been members for many years. His charming wife is also a convert and a very devoted Church worker. They have three lovely children.

GEORGE ESSON An exceptionally talented young man, plays the organ for the district choir, and for weddings, or wherever he is asked. He directs the district priesthood choir and is a group leader in the Elders Quorum. He has a lovely wife.



Stanley Thomson, left. George Esson, right.





Aberdeen Branch presidency, from left, William G. Dunbar, clerk; Thomas Thomson, 1C; Pres. George Bowie, Charles Christie, 2C and John Donaldson, assistant clerk.

Stalwarts Since 1926

★ Bro. John Thomson, and his wife, Georgine M. Thomson, first came in contact with the Church in 1922 at a street meeting being held by Elders Taylor and Wegland, who were the missionaries who re-organised the Aberdeen Branch after the 1914-18 War. At this time there were only seven missionaries and three branches in Scotland .



Bro. & Sis. John Thomson

It was not until 1926, however, that they were baptised by Elder Groo. During this period, James E. Talmage was the British Mission president and they had the privilege of meeting and hearing him at the district conference in Glasgow during 1927.

In 1928, Bro. Thompson was ordained a priest by Elder George Romney with whom he gained early experience in missionary work, acting as Elder Romney's part time companion while Elder Romney was without a missionary companion for some time.

During this year Dr. John A. Widtsoe visited Aberdeen and the fireside meeting held in the home of Sis. Sutherland was undoubtedly an event which greatly impressed Brother Thomson. Being young in the Church and of a very inquisitive nature, he took full advantage of such an opportunity and feels that perhaps he tended to put rather more than his fair share of the questions. In his own words, he says,

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Dundee District

★ When travelling expenses in the old North Scottish district (comprising Dundee and Aberdeen) grew more outrageous, it was decided to form the Dundee District. The new district would have it's centre in Dundee and would extend across the River Tay to branches in Fife.

At first this presented some difficulty, there being only a rail bridge across the Tay at Dundee and to travel to Fife from there meant making a detour via Perth, a 20-mile extra journey. But the Lord never let progress in His Kingdom be halted over such trivialities.

Soon after the district was formed He guided the missionaries to a home in Perth where there lived an elder of the Church of Scotland, his wife and their three young sons. Despite severe opposition from family and friends, Thomas Crook and his family were baptised and about one year later he became the second president of the Dundee district, with the great advantage of accessibility to both Dundee and Fife areas. This was obviously a considerable advantage, however auxiliary boards were still finding travel something of a problem. So, two years ago, the government "obligingly" built a £5 million road bridge across the river at Dundee, thus cutting travel time to Fife by half.

It has been said (locally) that the Dundee District is small in area, average in size of membership and gigantic in spirituality. This would seem to be borne out by the fact that of the seven branches in the area, three already have their own chapels, and two buildings are expected to be started in the near future. One will be in Dunfermline, where planning permission is awaiting approval; the other in Perth, which, it is hoped, will be under way within a few months. Dundee itself was for a long time the only city in Britain to have two chapels.

Everyone says dolefully these days



Dundee District presidency, Albert Howe, left, counselor, Pres. A. Thomas Crook and John R. Watson, second counselor.

CROOK

★ Thomas A. Crook—potato merchant, also has a warehouse business. Formerly a golfer, Church activities keep him too busy—he keeps fit by running two miles each morning.

Born in Inskip, Lancashire, he served two years in the R.A.F. before going to Canada where he lived four years. Returning home on a visit in 1953 his uncle persuaded him to join him in his seed potato business in Perth, Scotland.

In 1956 he married Anne Connie Kinlock. They had two sons and a third baby was on the way when the Elders first called at their door in March 1961. The third son was born in May and the family joined the Church 18th Sept. 1961.



Pres. A. Lowe of Glenrothes Branch.

that the pioneer spirit is dead, but the Harry Brown family has proved that it is not. After joining the Church in Dundee the family later moved to Glenrothes. They grew tired of holding meetings in their home, even with four children, and one Saturday Sister Brown approached Pres. Woodbury, the mission president, and asked if it would be possible to have missionaries sent to Glenrothes. The following Monday two missionaries arrived and to this each branch in Fife owes its existence. Missionaries moved on from Glenrothes to Kirkcaldy, then gradually spread into Methil and Dunfermline.

Glenrothes, the cradle of Fife, as it were, has continued to grow and is now presided over by local brethren, and very ably too.

In **Methil** there are three things which one can depend upon—there will be more or less the same number of members present each time you visit; you will meet the Liston and Templeman families, who struggle on through thick and thin; regardless of whether the programme is several years out-of-date the Spirit can invariably be felt there in abundance.

tion for the use of M.I.A., under the guidance of Brother Ronald Mcfarlane, who is also district M.I.A. superintendent. The branch presidency, no less enthusiastic, but a little less youthful, also use it as a retreat when things get on top of them.

The **Kirkcaldy** Branch, the largest in



Pres. George C. Liston of Methil Branch.

Dunfermline is well-known for its go-ahead attitudes and enthusiastic youth, which is particularly obvious at the annual roadshows. This branch owns a hut in a glen far from civilisa-

Fife, was the first branch in the district to boast its own chapel. The saints are ambitious, think postively and reap the results accordingly. Here again there is a good-sized group of young people, and what is more suprising still, they marry one another. This is not nearly so common as it sounds, and would seem to indicate the future of the branch.



Pres. George Reid of Dumfermiline with Bro. John McFarlane, counselor.

Despite its rather small membership the Perth Branch is well organised. The Church programmes are adapted with great skill to meet the needs of a smaller branch. It was noticed that a sharp influx of baptisms was taking place in Perth a year or two ago. Upon investigation it was learned that this had started around the time Pres. Crook started lending the missionaries his "Jag." to run baptismal candidates to Dundee for the service. So Pres. Crook was later faced with the unenviable decision of surrendering his car to the mercies of American motoring or seeing new converts markedly reduced. Last year the Perth visiting teachers made over 280 visits, despite the fact that one is 78 years old.



Kirkcaldy Branch presidency, John Smith, counselor; Pres. David Foster, Allan Brown, counselor; Stuart M. Hall, clerk.



Dundee Branch presidency, Dennis Clancy, counselor and Pres. William Shaw. Robert Ross, counselor, not shown.



Dundee District Primary presidency, Pres. Anne Crook, (also counselor on Mission Primary Board) Margaret Day and Margaret Watson, counselors.



Dundee East Branch presidency, Joseph Leece, 1C; Pres. Alfred Wallace, Hugh M. Ross, 2C, not shown and Bro. Gilbert Pasifuld, clerk.

There is a certain degree of friendly rivalry between the two branches in Dundee; when "the other branch" is referred to no one requires an explantion. The **Dundee** Branch has sent seven proselyting missionaries and four building missionaries into the field. It is also well-known for the excellence of its entertainment in concert productions and roadshows. This year it won the Roadshow award for the Scottish Mission after having been second for several years.

The most long-standing members in the district attend the **Dundee East** branch—Lizzie McKenzie, whose great-grandchild is a sixth generation Mormon; David Black to whom great credit must be given for battling to make the Church in Dundee what it is today, and many others.



Dundee District Relief Society presidency, Nancy Shaw, president; Margaret A. Campbell, counselor and Lynn Leece, secretary.



Dundee District MIA officers, Mary Grubb, counselor; David Brown, asst. supt.; Pres. Georgina M. Clancy, Supt. Ronald McFarlane, Stella Brown, secy.



Dundee District Relief Society sisters after serving a luncheon at the first district Relief Society convention. Shown are Nancy Shaw, Ingrid Taylor, Sis. Dickson, Charlotte Ross, Ruby Howe.

My Testimony

By Sister Sheila Kerr

Forfar, Dundee District

★ I was born into the Church 34 years ago in Birmingham, England. My four sisters and one brother and I were guided through life by the teaching of the Gospel. But when I fell in love my husband was Scottish and belonged to the Church of Scotland. Religion played no part in our love. We married and lived happily ever after (as the story goes), all but for the nagging ache in a corner of my heart because once taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ and taught it well no matter what happens and how happy you may be the truth always shines through. How I longed to share it with my husband, but somehow when I tried to explain it, it always ended in harsh words.

I looked forward to my holidays in Birmingham to hear all the Church news and friends in it. The strange thing was the longer I was away from the Church the more I loved the Gospel and the promises it holds for us.

Five years after our marriage we were blessed with a son, Stephen. I knew the responsibility we had as parents towards our children and most of all I realised they would need to be baptised. Still I could not bring my husband to see the importance of this, and because I loved my husband so much it hurt that much more I prayed often for an answer. My family in England most of all my brother-in-law tried to help. I remember once coming home from a holiday armed with lots of pamphlets which I left all over the house hoping he would pick one up and want to know more.

The first time I saw a sign of interest was when I lost my mother and Charles met people from the Church. He said he felt they had something special, he didn't know what but it came through to him and filled him with warmth. After this he seemed slightly interested. I didn't want to push him and prayed for guidance that my husband might be taught the Gospel, realised its truth and accept it.

During this time our daughter, Sheena, was born. I longed for my children to be given a blessing through the hands of the priesthood. I continued to pray about this. Then one day a notice appeared in the local paper to the effect that the Latter-day Saints missionaries had been moved into Forfar and would hold Sunday services in the local hall.

Charles seemed as pleased as I was, in fact, it was he who saw them in the street, stopped his car, and invited them home. My prayer was answered. He heard and accepted the Gospel through these young men. I know prayers are answered. Sometimes it takes longer than others, but I know there is a reason for this. The time had to be right my husband had to be truly ready. I know the Church is true and lasting and our Father in Heaven loves each and every one of His children.

Edinburgh District



Bathgate Branch presidency, C. K. Nelson, counselor; Angus Marr, clerk; Pres. William Watson



Pres. David G. Burns of Edinburgh Branch and Sis. Burns. She is president of branch YWMIA and secretary of the mission Relief Society. They have two sons, two daughters.



Mission Pres. Egbert J. Brown presenting Pres. David G. Burn, captain of the mission football team with the Mark E. Petersen trophy they won in Manchester.

The Testimony Of

Pres. Henery McGibben,

EDINBURGH DISTRICT PRESIDENT

★ On a June evening in 1956 two young men knocked upon our door, and thanks to my dear wife, were admitted into our home. When they had stated the purpose of their call, I was not in the least interested, but had the courtesy to listen now that they got this far. My intentions were to hear them out, give them enough rope to hang themselves and then having contended with them, send both of them packing.

Although no longer a religious man at that time, I had supposed knowledge of the Bible, enough to make me confused by the teachings of the church to which I had been affiliated some years before and I presumed, sufficient to prove to these yong men that I did not need anyone to come from America to enlighten me about truth. However, it was not so very long before I realised that here was something really different, there was no confusion or mystery, merely an explanation of the purpose of life, from the scriptures, that was wonderfully simple and I was later to discover, simply wonderful.

Although aware from the atmosphere in my home, whenever these youg men were present, that they were humble and sincere, to accept their message would have necessitated such a tremendous change in my way of living and the severing of life-long friendships with former companions, with whom I would no longer have the same things in common, the temptation was to take the easy road out and ask them not to call back.

Even though I was logically convinced of the truthfulness of their statements, I had not the courage of conviction to which the poet refers, nor did I wish to be among the few when I was so happy among the throng, so I decided not to heed their message and reasoned that if this was the wrong thing to do, I would pay for my mistake when the time came, hoping of course that this would be a long way off.

It never occured to me that I was not only denying myself the opportunity of "Eternal Life" through failure to comply with the first principles of the Gospel, but that my wife and family would be denied the spiritual blessings which stem from active membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, meanwhile depriving them of the temporal blessings which they would gain were I to cease squandering my money on drinks, gambling and other follies.

When I had informed the "Elders" that I thought their Church was probably true, but that I was enjoying life as it was and didn't think I would want to change, adding that I would not be baptised and make a mockery of the Church by failing to adhere to it's principles, I was given cause to realize that there was more than myself involved, this came about in the following manner. During our meeting with the missionaries, my elder son who was then only nine years old, was standing by my side, and the younger boy, only four years, was sitting on my knee. One of these young men asked me if I loved my sons, and whether, if necessary, I would be willing to die for them. When I replied that I thought



Dist. Pres. Henery McGibbon, centre and Sis. McGibbon, being greeted by Edinburgh Branch Pres. David Burns. At right, Sis. White, recent convert.

I would, he asked why I should not be willing to live for them.

My Sons were two of God's children, I had been entrusted with their upbringing and would not have wanted them to go everywhere I went, or do all the things I did, so their example must not only come from their mother, but was a responsibility which I must share.

This realisation caused me to want to know whether the Gospel as taught by Jesus Christ had actually been restored to earth through Joseph Smith and whether he was, in fact, a Prophet of God. No longer did the testimony of these young missionaries suffice, sincere as they were, they might just as easily have been sincerely wrong, as so many good people are today.

Since this knowledge is not reserved for any class or category of people, and since there is no substitute for truth, I decided to ask of God.

With this sincere desire to know, I knelt, with my wife, and children and by my side in secret prayer, to enquire of my Heavenly Father, as a result of which my wife and I, along with our nine year old son, were baptised on 17 - 11 - 56. Four years later, I baptised my younger son who had by this time reached the age of accountability, as was given by revelation to a living Prophet in our day.

The past 12 years have brought trials of faith and many blessings, along with numerous opportunities to serve in the building of Our Father's Kingdom. During this period I have had the privilege and honour to serve as a Sunday School superintendent, branch president, district missionary, bishop, counselor to the mission president and currently president of the Edinburgh District.

Sister Jane McGibbon, my wife, is president of the Relief Society in the Galashiels Branch, and serves as a counselor in the district Relief Society presidency.

Duncan, my oldest son, is an elder, serving as a counselor to the branch president and as Sunday School and YMMIA superintendent. He also holds the B.A.A. Church championships for athletics with the fastest times yet recorded in the 100 and 220 yd. sprints. Our son, Kenneth, 16, is an Aaronic Priesthood holder and hopes to emulate his big brother in many of his accomplishments.

On 25th Nov. 1962 we were sealed to each other in the Holy Temple of Our Lord for time and all eternity.



Pres. John Grant of Galashiels Branch and an ardent sportsman.



Georgina Irving active in branch and district Relief Society. Also School chorister.



Robert Murray of Dalkeith, counselor in Edinburgh District presidency.



Henry Steele in his Kilt, at annual "Burns Supper" of Edinburgh District.



George E. Jeffersen, district clerk, former president of Edinburgh Branch.



James Thompson, counselor in Edinburgh Branch presidency; Alex Clark, superintendent of YMMIA in mission and John Beveridge, president of Dalkeith Branch.

Hamilton District

★ Meetings were being held in an old railway building when Thomas L. Easton and his wife, Helen, joined the Church. Later the meetings were held in the Good Templers Hall in Coatdyke where Bro. Easton became a counselor to the branch president. Eight months later Bro. Easton was appointed branch president, a position he held two years.

Pres. Easton went on to serve as district councilman before being called as a counselor to Mission Pres. Bernard P. Brockbank.

Next he served as Hamilton District president before being required to assist in the building of the Airdrie Branch building. He also held three major positions at once, counselor to the mission president, Hamilton District president the position he now serves in and Hamilton Branch president.

One winter night, two missionary sisters came to the Easton door presenting the good news of the restoration of the Gospel. Their reception was a rather cold one and they were refused admittance. The two Sisters persisted until at the fourth attempt, they were able to give the first discussion to the Easton family, which included six children at that time and now number ten. As a result of this visit, all are members of the Church.

However, Pres. Easton's service to the Lord could not have been so successful had it not been for his wife, Helen, who has always assisted and sustained him in his callings. Looking after such a large family as they have is an accomplishment for her as she also holds many positions in the Church.

I'm sure when both Pres. and Sister Easton look back at the time and effort they have put forth at rearing their family in the ways of the Church, they must be justly proud of the result as they are all faithful to the Church.



New Hamilton Branch Chapel to be dedicated soon. Malcolm Kerr is branch president.



Pres. James Stronach, first counselor in Hamilton District presidency, and Sis. Stronach who is active in all auxiliaries.



Pres. Malcolm Kerr of Hamilton Branch and his bride of Feb. 1 Edna Davidson of Kilmarnock. She is the Primary president.

Most recently completed Chapel in Scotland, East Kilbride, to be dedicated soon. Frank Sommerville is branch president.





Cumberland Branch Relief Society.



Nelson Eagleson, clerk of Hamilton Branch. Sis. Eagleston is Relief Society president and assistant to the genealogy chairman in Hamilton District.



Pres. Robert R. Forsyth of Airdrie Branch and Sis. June Forsyth. She is an accomplished musician. He is very active in all sports.



Jerry and Maureen Ball of Hamilton Branch. Jerry, a recent convert, is in the U.S. Navy, stationed at Holy Loch. Maureen is active in MIA.

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"Being in Dr. Widtsoe's presence, you knew you were in the company of a great man."

One of the earliest social evenings that stands out in their memory was the centenrary celebrations in 1930. This year was of special significance to Bro. Thompson in another way, as he was ordained an Elder by the then mission president A. W. Lund at a District Conference in Glasgow.

Throughout their years in the Church, they have served in many positions within the branch. Sis. Thomson working mainly in Relief Society, being president for some time. Bro. Thomson, although working in many varied positions, has always held Sunday School work as the most satisfying, particularly working with the younger age groups.

In more recent times, Bro. Thomson was the branch president with Brothers William Black, and Archie Maxwell as his counselors when Pres. David O. McKay visited Aberdeen in 1953. At this meeting, not only was the chapel filled, but people were standing in the hallway and staircase of the converted house with the doors left open for them to hear.

The following year their daughter set off on a full time mission. This was a historical event for the branch as she was the first local member to serve a full time mission.

In August, 1960, they had the opportunity of visiting the London Temple and being sealed for the eternity by Pres. S. J. Boyer. After this it was almost back to the beginning again for Bro. and Sis. Thomson, when they were called as local missionaries and were blessed to be able to reach several contacts who accepted the Gospel.

Through the years, they were blessed with five children—John Jr., Ethel Webster, George Masson, Shelia, and Stanley, who has served as a branch president, counselor in the district presidency, and is now Elders Quorum president. They reside at 298 Hardgate, Aberdeen.



A group of missionaries with Pres. James E. Talmadge in 1927, when he presided over the British Mission, during a Glasgow District conference. Front, Elders Buchanan, B. Cook, Pres. Talmadge, Sis. Talmadge and Elder Murdock. Back, first two unidentified, Elder George Romney, (recent Governor of Michigan, now a member of President Nixon's Cabinet in the U.S.A.,) Elders Smith, Blamires and Whyte.

REMEMBER WHEN?



Elder John A. Widtsoe, and president of the European Missions, with Sis. Leah Widtsoe. From left, front, Elders Robert K. Whyte, Richard L. Evans (now of the Council of the Twelve) William Cook, (later became Pioneer Stake Sunday School chorister, recognised by Millennial Star Managing Editor Monitor C. Noyce, who was reared in 32nd Ward of Pioneer Stake), Pres. and Sis. Widtsoe, and Carl W. Buchanan. Back, Elders J. Ross Smith, Willis E. Bean, Golden W. Stewart, Wayne Shaw, R. L. Bird Jr., Eudora Widtsoe, (now Durham) Fred L. Finlinson, Charles E. Aslop, Lawrence S. Crosbie and Louis S. Leatham.



President David O. McKay and Sis. Emma Rae McKay as they visited Aberdeen Branch in 1953. Also in front are Pres. John Thomson and A. Hamer Reiser, right, mission president. Back, William Black, Archie Maxwell, counselors to Pres. Thomson. Others unidentified. At this meeting every available space of the converted house was filled.



Aberdeen Branch Sunday School on Belmont Street in 1928. Pres Thompson at far right was serving as branch president.

Kilmarnock District



Kilmarnock District presidency from left, George N. Kerr, 1C; Pres. Ronald F. Lovell Harold Wilde, 2C and clerk.

★ Ronald F. Lovell, Kilmarnock District president, has served in all organisations of the Church except, Primary. During his 18 years of membership he has seen many changes and a great deal of growth since the days of the original British Mission.

He served in Sunday School in the Glasgow Branch before being appointed branch president. Since then he has served as mission Sunday School superintendent before being named district president.

Pres. Lovell is a talented man. He is constantly writing plays, songs and poetry for roadshows or any special programmes that come along. He has written words to many songs and has published a booklet called "Heart Stirrings" which is a selection of poems he has written.

George N. Kerr, first counselor in the district presidency, was baptised on 6th October 1964. He served in numerous positions in the branch and district.



Harold Wilde, counselor in district presidency; Rachel Wilde, district Relief Society president and District Pres. Ronald Lovell at first Relief Society convention of Kilmarnock district.



District Relief Society officers, from left, Pres. Rachel Wilde, Moira Finnie, secretary.

Presently he is also a teacher in Kilmarnock Branch YMMIA.

Harold Wilde joined the Church in August 1962. Presently second counselor in the district presidency, he has also served in other branch, district and mission positions, and is also the present priesthood leader in Stevenston Branch.

The Kilmarnock District is working towards a fully organised District Relief Society Board under the direction of Rachel Wilde, president. Assisting her are Phillippa Denard, second counselor; Mary Finnie, secretary-treasurer; Marva Rydalch, Elizabeth Stubbington, Jean McWhirter and Kathleen Slough, board members.

Each of the six branches has a Relief Society and all are endeavouring to carry out the full programme. Though this is a widely scattered district the sisters have enjoyed meeting together for socials and conventions.



District Relief Society sisters with their prize cake at Visiting Teachers Convention held in Edinburgh. Elizabeth Stubbington Rachel Wilde, Margaret Cox, Norma Campbell, Marva Rydalch Eileen Hardcastle.



Kilmarnock District branch presidencies, from left, Pres. Henry Slaugh, Dumfries Branch; John McLean, Kilmarnock Branch clerk; Pres. David Olson, Stevenston; Peter Denard. 1C, Dumfries; William A. Tait, 1C, Stevenston; Pres. John L. Raeburn, Kilmarnock; Pres. Nyal Rydolch, Greenock; George N. Kerr, 1C, Kilmarnock. Greenock Branch Chapel.



Greenock Branch Chapel.

Enthusiasm Spirit, Determination

★ The ground breaking services that began the construction of the Greenock Chapel were held during a pouring rain storm on Dec. 16, 1964. The newly-turned earth in the garden site of what was once an old Georgian mansion was the beginning of the fulfillment of the hopes and desires of the small group of Saints gathered there that day.

Pres. and Sister David B. Haight of the Scottish Mission, along with Branch Pres. Edward McLachlan, his wife Mary, John and Rose McFadden, Alexander and Mary Straiton, William and Betty Boyd and John Joyce were among those who witnessed the beginning of the beautiful building.

The Saints of the Greenock Branch had waited for three years to begin their chapel and now the time was here. With enthusiasm, spirit and determination the work began.

First the site had to be cleared of trees. The Relief Society Sisters had the job of clearing the smaller trees and undergrowth. A fire was kept going for months burning trees and refuse. It served a double purpose when the rain was heavy and the weather cold, keeping the workers warm.

Elder Merlin J. Fish from Arizona, USA, came to supervise the work after about two months and a crane and mechanical digger was employed to speed up the work. A burn ran through the property which had to be piped in and the machinery gave the workers a welcome relief from handling the large pipes in the freezing water.

Members and missionaries helped as the work progressed. Sometimes members came from other branches to assist. They had a good time working together, shuttering, pouring concrete, putting scaffolds up and helping the brick-

layers. Although there were many problems, backaches and heartaches, their determination carried them through.

Working together to build the chapel created a unity in the branch that has seldom been equalled and brought them to the happy day of May 15, 1966, when the opening of the new Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints at Fox and Union Streets was held. It was the fifteenth building to be constructed in Scotland and has since been the pride of the members of the Greenock Branch.

William Boyd said, "I have seen our Church grow right from that first December day into a beautiful building admired by everyone. We've had our ups and downs, but I'm sure everyone who worked on the building left a little bit of themselves in it."



Greenock Branch Relief Society presidency, front, Margaret O. Lynch, secy.; Sheila F. Hotchkiss, president; back, Jane C. Currie and Annie P. McCann, counselors.





MIA officers, Marva D. Rydalch, YW president; Douglas Stewart, 2nd Asst. YM; Barbara Hall, YW secretary; Nyal H. Rydalch, YM superintendent.

★ Walter Bloy, Kilmarnock District Sunday School superintendent, joined the Church six years ago. Prior to his present assignment he was president of the Ayr Branch. He began his Church service before being baptised by helping with the construction of the Ayr Chapel.

★ Margaret Burns, Kilmarnock District Primary president, was baptised in Nov. 1964. She has served the Primary, Relief Society, and YWMIA on the branch level.

Norma Cambell is her counselor; Eileen Hardcastle, the secretary with Ann Bloy as In Service leader.



District Primary presidency, from left, Ann Bloy, 1C; Pres. Margaret Burns, Norma Campbell, 2C.

Visitor's Centre Established In Heart Of Edinburgh

Visitor's Centres throughout the world beckon to those who are not of our faith, as well as those who are already members. Such centres and displays help keep the correct information before the public.

These centres, located at the temples and other sites, help missionaries contact persons interested in hearing of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. This great message is unfolded to the visitor through pictures, music and the "spoken word."

The Scottish Mission Visitor's Centre in Edinburgh has been established through the foresight of a visionary mission president, and is fast becoming a most effective missionary tool. Located on a street soon to be made a Historical site because of the unique architecture, on Hillside Crescent, just off London Road, the centre is only minutes away from the famed Prince's Street.

Approaching the building a sign bids a hearty welcome. Once passed the portals colourful paintings of Moroni delivering the plates to Joseph Smith; Mormon writing his abridgement of the ancient records given to him as a trust, and a large mural of Christ ordaining the twelve apostles, are seen. At the information desk those interested may purchase a copy of the Book of Mormon and sign the guest book. People who desire may leave their name and address for missionaries to call by their home to explain further the Gospel message.

Across from this desk a passageway leads to a large room where several paintings are hung. Busts of the three witnesses, Emma Smith and the Prophet respectively face from opposite walls. The paintings depict the "signs of the true Church" and Christ's visit to the American Continent after His resurrection and ascension into the heavens. The busts are coupled with the recorded testimonies of the divinity of the Book of Mormon. A speaker from behind each bust gives the effect of the person speaking for himself.

In front of this display and attached to the ceiling is a screen which can be lowered to show the selected film of the day. The seating arrangement permits easy access to all of the portraits, and yet gives the viewer a clear picture of the film being shown on the suspended screen.

The final display is a large cabinet containing copies of the Book of Mormon, writen in Aramic, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, etc, showing that the Book of Mormon is a scripture volume for all the people of the world who will listen, read and pray about its message.



Missionaries register visitors and distribute literature to persons interested as they tour Edinburgh Visitors Centre.



Located at 2 Hillside Cresent the Edinburgh Visitor's Centre is open Saturdays 1 to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9.30 p.m.



Visitors see busts and hear recording of testimonies of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Emma, his wife and the three witnesses.

Recipes From The

RECIPES OF ELVA M. BROWN

Wife of the Scottish Mission President

★ Sister Brown's hobby is cooking and she enjoys collecting new recipes. The Browns come from a very warm climate so salads are often served in their home. These are particularly delicious and favorites of their family. The "quick" breads are typical American and nice to serve with a hot drink after Church or for any snack.

CHICKEN SALAD (serves 10)

1 package lemon jelly
1 cup (8 oz.) boiling water
1 cup (8 oz.) chopped celery
1 cup (8 oz.) chopped apple
1 tablespoon grated onion
2 tablespoons green pepper (optional)
½ cup (4 oz.) pecans (or walnuts)
1 3 oz. package Philadelphia cream cheese
½ cup whipped cream
½ cup mayonnaise (or salad dressing)
2 cups (16 oz.) boiled chicken, cut into bite size pieces

Pour boiling water over jelly, cream cheese, and mayonnaise. Cool. Fold in chicken, vegetables and all ingredients, and last fold whipped cream into jelly and rest of mixture. Serve on a lettuce leaf with a hot yeast roll for luncheon.

DATE BREAD (Makes 1 large loaf)

1 cup dates
1 cup boiling water
1 teaspoon soda

Mix and let stand until cool. Cream together

1 rounded tablespoon shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg

Add to date mixture.

1 cup plain flour
½ cup nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla

Bake in moderate oven 350 deg. for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 deg. for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

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CARROT COOKIES

1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups plain flour
½ cup nuts
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups grated carrots
1 tablespoon water
2 teaspoons vanilla

Mix all together and bake on greased baking sheet at 425 deg. for about 10 minutes.

Ice while still warm with: :

2 cups icing sugar
1 tablespoon butter
½ teaspoon lemon flavour
Enough orange juice to mix
Enough orange rind to taste

DATE BARS

3 well beaten eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup plain flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1½ cups dates (cut up)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecans (or walnuts)

Beat eggs with sugar until thick. Add sifted dry ingredients. Add dates vanilla and nuts. Bake about 30 minutes in 350 deg. oven. Cut in 1″ x 4″ bars. Roll in icing sugar while warm. (Makes 2 dozen).

KAUAI BANANA BREAD

(Makes two 1 lb. loaves)

Cream together:

2 cups sugar
1 cup shortening

Add:

6 ripe bananas
4 eggs

Sift 3 times:

2½ cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking soda

Blend wet and dry ingredients. DO NOT OVER MIX. Bake in a moderate oven. 350 deg. for 45 to 50 minutes.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

1 cup margarine (½ lb.)
¾ cup brown sugar
¾ cup white granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon water
1 teaspoon vanilla
2¼ cups plain flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1-2 cups porridge oats
12 oz. chocolate chips

Cream together margarine and sugar and add eggs. Mix in water and vanilla, then add the rest of the ingredients. Bake at 375 deg for about 10-15 minutes on an ungreased baking sheet.

CRANBERRY BREAD

(Pretty and good for Christmas Holidays) Makes 1 loaf

2 cups plain flour
½ teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 cup sugar
Juice and grated rind of 1 orange
2 tablespoons shortening
Boiling water
1 egg (beaten)
1 cup raw cranberries
½ cup nuts

Sift together dry ingredients. To grated rind and juice of orange, add shortening and enough boiling water to make ⅔ cup liquid. Add with 1 beaten egg to dry ingredients. Add cranberries and nuts. Bake at 325 deg. for one hour.

President Brown

Two Most Frequent Questions Asked

by President Hugh B. Brown

★ Two of the most frequent questions asked of us as we travel are, "What is your creed?" and "What distinguishes your Church from others?"

We do not have a written creed in the usual sense of the word. However, we do have a concise and authoritative statement of the beliefs of the Latter-day Saints given by the Prophet Joseph Smith, in the early days of the Church, known as the Articles of Faith. In that statement we declare our faith in God the Father, in Jesus Christ His Son, and in the Holy Ghost; known generally as the Holy Trinity. We declare our conviction that men will be held accountable for their own sins and will not be answerable for the sins of others, that there are certain principles and ordinances that must be believed and observed by those who would gain salvation, and that those principles and ordinances must be taught and administered by men who have authority in the apostolic Church as organized in the Meridian of Time, of which Jesus Christ was, and is, the chief cornerstone.

In this declaration we affirm our faith in the atonement of Christ and its universal applicability. We believe that He will come again, that there will be a thousand years of universal peace. We make the statement that we believe in sacred scriptures, ancient and modern; that we believe that men are entitled to freedom of religious belief. We honour and sustain the laws of the land. We commit ourselves to Christ's standard of moral conduct, and service based on love of God and of fellow men.

Cites Ninth Article

As many sermons have been preached and much has been written on each of these articles, I shall not elucidate, but I should like to refer for a moment to the ninth Article of Faith.

"We believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

This simple and forthright statement of faith in revelation has elicited the criticism of some of our friends, because it includes past, current, and future revelation. Many other churches profess belief in the revelations recorded in the Bible, but they do not believe that God still reveals His will through chosen prophets on the earth.

Communication Lines Open

We declare that the line of communication between heaven and earth is open, and operating, as anciently. We believe that revelation is continuous and expedient, and is suited to the times in which it is given. When we make that statement, it follows that we believe in scriptures other than the Holy Bible, because divine revelation is the word of God, and His word is scripture. We

unequivocally declare our faith in the Bible as the word of God, and we specify the King James version thereof.

Our acceptance of other revelation does not diminish our faith in the Old and New Testaments. On the contrary, our belief in the Bible is strengthened and our understanding of it clarified by these new corroborative revelations.

Among the volumes of scripture in which we believe, the one most frequently referred to by friends and critics is the Book of Mormon. It has the largest circulation and has elicited more comment during the past century, favorable and otherwise, than any other modern book.

This book is an inspired text, having been written by various prophets who lived in America at the times of which they write. It is a sacred record of the ancient inhabitants of America, covering in the main that portion of their history from about 600 B.C. to 400 A.D.

Plates Translated

Its message was inscribed on metallic plates by various authors. These writings were abridged by the Prophet Mormon, one of the last survivors of a dwindling race. It is therefore known as the Book of Mormon. He entrusted the plates to his son, Moroni, who was the last of the Nephite historians. Moroni deposited the plates in a stone box on a hillside and some fourteen hundred years later he, at that time a resurrected being, revealed their hiding place to Joseph Smith, the prophet, who translated what is said to be reformed Egyptian characters into English by the gift and power of God.

It is doubtless this element of the miraculous which disturbs many who hear of this record, causes some to shrug it off without further interest. It seems strange to us that believers in the Judeo-Christian Bible should be skeptical of the miraculous.



President Hugh B. Brown.

Miracles form an important part of the Old and the New Testaments. The story of the earth life of Jesus of Nazareth continues to grip the hearts and intrigue the minds of men, largely because of the miracles of His birth, the almost daily miracles He performed during His ministry, and the transcendent miracle of His resurrection and ascension. Moreover, He left His apostles and disciples with a promise of a miraculous reappearance in the last days. Paraphrasing the Apostle Paul we ask, "Why should it be thought a thing incredible that God should reveal His will to His servants, the prophets, as He promised to do."

Popular—Appealing

One remarkable fact about this book is its continued popularity and appeal. One hundred thirty years after the first edition was published, it is still a best seller, over thirty-five thousand copies

being printed in English each year, and other thousands distributed in the twenty-seven different languages into which it has been translated. Nearly three million copies of this book have been distributed in almost all countries of the world in the last century.

Yes, we do believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God, and we believe in the miraculous that was involved in its preservation and production. There have been many who have sought to discredit it, many things have been written against it, but more recent times some of our friends who have made a careful study of the book have made statements which are significant. I shall refer to one or two taken from a little book called, The Book of Mormon Message and Evidences by Dr. Franklin S. Harris, Jr. Charles H. Hull, professor of American history in Cornell University wrote:

"I am perfectly willing to say to anyone that I suppose the Book of Mormon to be one of the most famous and widely discussed books ever published in America."

Says a Rochester newspaper, "The book itself remains on which was founded the greatest religion of the continent and the century. It was not the book itself, but the wonderful influence it has on America that counted."

And a former Secretary of Agriculture, who had read the book carefully said, "Of all the American books of the nineteenth century, it seems probable that the Book of Mormon was the most powerful. It reached perhaps only one percent of the United States, but has affected this one percent so powerfully and lastingly that all the people of the United States have been affected, especially by its contribution in opening one of our great frontiers."

Solemn Declaration

Now, our declaration regarding the Book of Mormon is a solemn one. If it is false, it is almost blasphemous. If it is true, then all who believe it are under a solemn obligation to its author to proclaim its truth.

One of the prophets of that book emphasized this fact in the following words, and I read from Second Nephi:

"Wherefore, how great the importance to make these things known unto the inhabitants of the earth, that they may know that there is no flesh that can dwell in the presence of God, save it be through the merits, and mercy, and grace of the Holy Messiah, who layeth down his life according to the flesh, and taketh it again by the power of the Spirit, that he may bring to pass the resurrection of the dead, being the first that should rise." (2 Nephi 2:8.)



And further in his same book, after reciting the miraculous events in the history of the Israelites, he said,

" . . . I say unto you, that as these things are true, and as the Lord God liveth, there is none other name given under heaven save it be this Jesus Christ, of which I have spoken, whereby man can be saved." (Ibid., 25:20.)

Same Message To All

It is the message of the Book of

Mormon that has caused people from almost all nations of the earth to accept it as the word of God. Its inspiring theme and divine message, from the title page to the last chapter, constitutes the testimony or witness of a whole nation of people that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Creator of the world, the Redeemer of mankind. It bears witness to the efficacy of the atonement, of its universal application and its value to all individuals who will accept His word and keep His commandments.

We urge our friends to examine the book itself, to check its claims, listen to its message and to feel of its spirit. Yes, we believe in continued revelation, ancient, continuous, current, and future.

I wish to bear my testimony that the Church today, the kingdom of God, is being led by revelation. God is not the author of confusion. He does not work in dark places. He makes it known to the world when He appoints a prophet, and I testify that I know as I know I live, that this Church today is guided by prophecy and by revelation, and that these men whom we honour are prophets of God.



Edinburgh Castle.

President Smith

Baptism Of The Spirit Essential

By President Joseph Fielding Smith

★ Each individual who enters the waters of baptism makes a covenant with the Lord.

"And again, by way of commandment to the church concerning the manner of baptism—All those who humble themselves before God, and desire to be baptised, and come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and witness before the Church that they have truly repented of all their sins, shall be received by baptism into his church." (D&C 20:37.)

Baptism into the Church is not enough to save us. It is for the remission of sins, that is true, but there is another baptism which is just as essential, and that is the **baptism of the spirit,** or the bestowal of the gift of the Holy Ghost. After we are baptised, we are confirmed. What is that confirmation for? To make us companions with the Holy Ghost; to have the privilege of the guidance of the third member of the Godhead — companionship, that our minds might be enlightened, that we might be quickened by the Holy Spirit to seek for knowledge and understanding concerning all that pertains to our exaltation in the Kingdom of God.

Take Heed, Pray Always

In this same revelation the Lord said:

"And we know that justification through the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is just and true;

"And we know also, that sanctification through the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is just and true, to all those who love and serve God with all their mights, minds, and strength.

"But there is a possibility that man may fall from grace and depart from the living God;

"Therefore let the church take heed and pray always, lest they fall into temptation;

"Yea, and even let those who are sanctified take heed also." (Ibid., 20: 30-34.)

Baptism and confirmation into the Church do not necessarily insure our exaltation in the kingdom of God. They do, provided we are true and faithful to every covenant and obligation required of us in the commandments of our Eternal Father. It is he who endures to the end that will be saved, and there is a danger that confronts us through the temptations of the adversary if we yield to those temptations that we may lose it all. The greatest punishment that can come to any individual in this world is punishment that will come to those who have received the light and truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who have passed through the waters of baptism, who have hands laid upon their heads for the gift of the Holy Ghost, and then turn away from the truth, for the Lord will not hold them guiltless.

Son of Perdition

I think I am safe in saying that no man can become a Son of Perdition until he has known the light. Those



President Joseph Fielding Smith.

who have never received the light are not to become Sons of Perdition They will be punished if they rebel against God. They will have to pay the price of their sinning, but it is only those who have the light through the priesthood and through the power of God and through their membership in the Church who will be banished forever from His influence into outer darkness to dwell with the devil and his angels. That is a punishment that will not come to those who have never known the truth. Bad as they may suffer, and awful as their punishment may be, they are not among that group which is to suffer the eternal death and banishment from all influence concerning the power of God.

It is my judgment that there are many members of this Church who have been baptised for the remission of their sins, who have had hands laid upon their heads for the gift of the Holy Ghost, who have never received that gift, that is, the manifestations of it. Why? Because they never put themselves in order to receive these manifestations. They never humbled themselves. They have never taken the steps that would prepare them for the companionship of the Holy Ghost. Therefore they go through life without that knowledge, and they have not the understanding. Therefore when those cunning and crafty in their deceit come to them, they disturb them in their faith, if they have faith left. They criticize the Authorities of the Church. They critize the doctrines of the Church, and these weak members do not have understanding enough, information enough, and enough of the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord to resist the false doctrines and teachings of those who come to them, the wolves in sheep's clothing, and they listen to them, and think that perhaps after all they have made a mistake, and first thing you know they find their way out of the Church, because they do not have understanding.

Evil Influences

I get letters frequently from people, members of this Church, who have been disturbed principally by two organizations which seem to have dedicated their lives to the destruction of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These people go into the homes of our weak members, disturb them in their faith, get them all riled up, and they do not know whether they did the right thing when they were baptised or whether they did not; but if they had lived as they should and had received the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they would not be moved. They would not be influenced by the false teachings and false statements regarding our doctrines that these people present to them.

The Gospel is simple. There is noth-

ing difficult about it. There are mysteries, no doubt. We do not need to bother about the mysteries, but the simple things pertaining to our salvation and exaltation we can understand.

Let me refer to another passage of scripture.

"But ye are commanded in all things to ask of God, who giveth liberally; and that which the Spirit testifies unto you even so I would that ye should do in all holiness of heart, walking uprightly before me, considering the end of your salvation, doing all things with prayer and thanksgiving, that ye may not be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men; for some are of men, and others of devils." (Ibid., 46:7.)

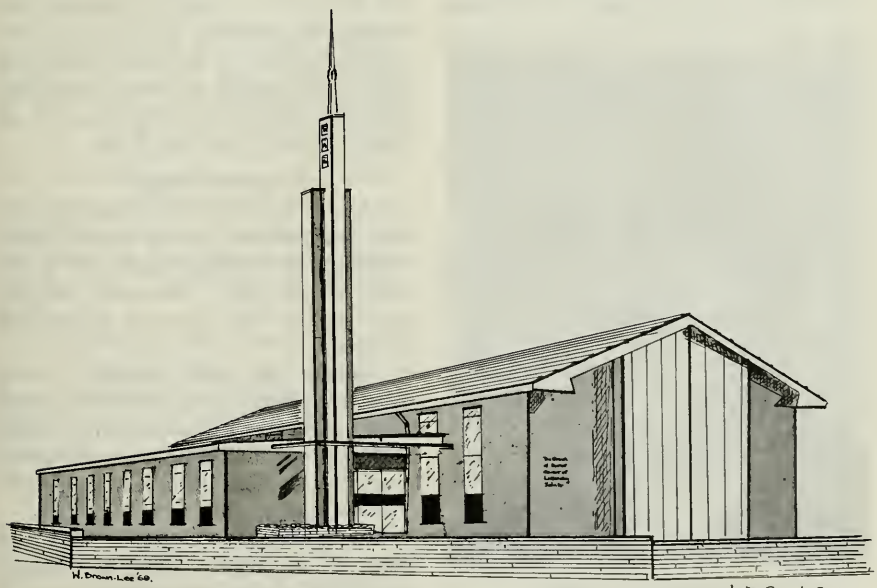
So the Lord has given us a warning.

"Wherefore, beware least ye are deceived; and that ye may not be deceived seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always remembering for what they are given;

"For verily I say unto you, they are given for the benefit of those who love me and keep all my commandments, and him that seeketh so to do; that all may be benefited that seek or that ask of me, that ask and not for a sign that they may consume it upon their lusts.

"And again, verily I say unto you, I would that ye should always remember, and always retain in your minds what those gifts are, that are given unto the church." (Ibid., 46: 8-10.)

The Lord would give us gifts. He will quicken our minds. He will give us knowledge that will clear up all difficulties, and put us in harmony with the commandments that He has given us, and which we can receive if we will only be true and faithful to every covenant and obligation pertaining to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Judge Not That Ye Be Not Judged

By Elder Milton R. Hunter

★ In his masterful discourse of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave a vital commandment which has been ignored almost universally by the human family. In many cases where it has not been ignored, it has been broken many times by most people.

I believe that we all want to do what is right—live near to the Lord—and so I would like to say a few words about the observance of this commandment.

"Judge not," Jesus commanded, "that ye be not judged." And then He gave this warning:

"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." (Matthew 7:1-2.)



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Throughout my life in mingling with many people of various religious denominations I have observed that as a rule it seems as if human beings like to gossip. We like to hear unsavory things about our neighbours and talk about each other. It seems that ofttimes we get a certain degree of satisfaction or even joy out of saying bad things about other people. We thoughtlessly and sometimes maliciously judge each other. We censure our associates sometimes unjustly, many times unkindly; and most of the time we speak without having the evidence to back up what we are saying. We seem to forget that James, the brother of the Lord, warned that the unbridled tongue is "full of deadly poison." (James 3:8.)

Do Not Gossip

I know that even sometimes people who are faithful in the Church pass judgment and condemantion on those with whom they associate without knowing the facts. Such is displeasing to God.

I know that many people's hearts have been broken and tears have been shed because of the unkind and perhaps untrue things that have been said about them and because of unjust judgments that we give of each other.

My conscience certainly tells me that I err at times. Sometimes I gossip and judge others, and when I do it I

act unrighteously before the Lord. My heart tells me I would like to repent, I would like to overcome my weakness of gossiping and saying bad things about other people. I am sure that you feel the same as I do.

But one might say: "The man or the woman from whom I obtained this information is an honest man or woman and would not lie."

Just Wrong Information

Certainly honest and honorable people would not lie, but we should remember that they have to get their information through human senses and that human senses are not always a hundred percent reliable; for example, if an honest man were standing on a corner and another one on the opposite corner and two cars crashed in the street, the testimonies of these two men might vary, and rightly so. They saw the accident at different angles, and perhaps neither of them saw exactly what happened.

Recently one of the General Authorities said that he was interested at stake conferences to hear members of stake presidencies in the Sunday conference session tell some of the things that he had talked about the night before. And then the General Authority said, "Ofttimes I cannot recognise that I had talked on the subjects nor said the things that I was reported to have said."

Now certainly the General Authority was not accusing stake presidencies of being dishonest. I think he did not have that in mind at all, but this story illustrates the inadequacy of human senses.

Sometimes we sit in a congregation and listen to somebody speak. While he talks we think many of our own ideas as we hear many of the things he is saying. As time passes we might confuse some of our own thoughts with some of the things the speaker said. Because of the inadequacy of human senses, Jesus Christ said, "in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." (Matt. 18:16.)

Those Called To Judge

The saviour and the holy prophets have told us how to judge when it needs be that we judge, because ofttimes we must judge. In fact many of you are called upon to be judges. It is your ecclesiastical responsibility to judge. But let me give the warning that with the same judgment that you judge, you shall be judged.

The Lord and the Prophet Joseph Smith understood human nature, knowing that we may be tempted to judge unjustly, and so the following is found in the Doctrine and Covenants:

"We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion. . . ."

And then this beautiful admonition was given us:

"No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood only by persuasion, by longsuffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned;

"By kindness, and pure knowledge, which shall greatly enlarge the soul without hypocrisy, and without guile" (D&C 121:39, 41-42.)

As I have traveled throughout the Church and have observed those who have been called and set apart to be judges, it is my testimony that they have been guided in most cases by the pure love of Jesus Christ, by charity,

and so they have rendered righteous judgment.

Love Thy Neighbour

As I have suggested, the Saviour and the prophets have told us how to treat each other. The Master gave us the vital law known as the second great commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." (Mark 12: 31.)

If all of us would love our neighbours —would love all the people with whom we associate—as much as we love ourselves, we would do no unkind things to them. We would not say any harsh or unkind words to them. We would not repeat any bad gossip about them. But on the other hand, we would show forth love and compassion at all times. We would rejoice in their successes, and we would weep with them in their sorrows. Under those conditions, a glorious spirit of brotherhood, love, and compassion would prevail.

The Saviour also gave us the famous Golden Rule: ". . . whatsoever ye would that man should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Matt. 7:12.)

Every time we hear something about sombody else, if we would stop and think before we repeated what we heard and take as our measuring rod the following: "Would I like to have somebody say that thing about me? Is it just? Is it fair? would it make the person involved happier if I should repeat it? Would it make him progress? Would it add to the beauty and the joy of life?" And if it will not meet these measurements, then our judgment would not be righteous if we should repeat what we heard. It is best under these conditions that we keep quiet.

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Elder McConkie

Comparison Of Many Points

By Elder Bruce R. McConkie

★ May I invite your attention to a comparison between The Church of Jesus Christ, as it was organised and perfected in New Testament times, and the self-styled Christian churches that exist in the world today? In order to do so I shall take the liberty of raising a number of queries, and shall assume that each of us has sufficient working knowledge of the New Testament to recognize the basis upon which each query rests.

Where in the world today will we find a church that has as its official title some combination of the names of Christ, according to the New Testament pattern?

Where is there a church whose ministers claim divine authority in the real, complete, and actual sense that it was claimed by the ministers among the primitive Saints?

Where is there a church which claims the Melchizedek and Aaronic orders of the priesthood as these were had anciently?

Where is there a church in which we will find the ordinances practised that were practised among the primitive Saints?

Where do we find baptism by immersion for the remission of sins performed under the hands of a legal administrator?

Where do we find a people who lay hands on the head of every baptised convert for the present bestowal of the Holy Ghost; or who, when there are sick among them, call in the elders of the Church, that they may anoint them with oil and pray over them, that the prayer of faith may heal the sick and God may raise them up?



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Where is there a people that has the New Testament ordinance of baptism for the dead?

Where is there a church that has the same organisation that existed among the primitive Saints, that has Apostles and prophets, pastors, evangelists, and all the rest?

Where is there a people that believes that there should be Twelve Apostles holding the keys of the kingdom, presiding over and directing all of the affairs of the Church and kingdom, and that such group should continue until there is a unity of the faith?

Where is there a church that believes that God has set some in the Church, first Apostles, secondarily prophets,

thirdly teachers; after that miracles; then gifts of the spirit, healings, tongues, helps, and governments?

Where is there a Church that professes to have all of the doctrines that were taught in New Testament times; that believes that God our heavenly Father is a personal being, in whose image man is created; that has an understanding that Jesus Christ is His Only Begotten Son and is a Being in the express image of the person of the Father:

Where is there a people that has a real, intelligent, and scriptural understanding of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, that knows that because of that transcendent act all men will be raised in immortality and those who have believed and obeyed the Gospel law, both in immortality and unto eternal life?

Where is there a people that knows that the plan of salvation, based on the atoning sacrifice of Christ, consists in having faith in Christ, in repenting of one's sins, in being baptised under the hands of a legal administrator, in receiving the gift and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and then in enduring in righteousness unto the end?

Where is there a church that believes that the Gospel is preached to those in the spirit world, that they may live according to God in the spirit, and be judged according to men in the flesh?

Where is there a people that believes in the literal resurrection from the grave, in the fact that all men will stand before the judgment bar of Christ, and having been judged according to the deeds done in the flesh, will be awarded a place in a kingdom of glory, in either a telestial, a terrestrial, or a celestial kingdom?

Where is there a people that believes that between the first and second comings of Christ, there was to be a complete, total, universal falling away from the faith once delivered to the Saints?

Where is there a people that believes that in the last days there was to be an era of restoration, a time of restitution, in which God would give again all things that He had spoken by the mouths of all His holy prophets since the world began?

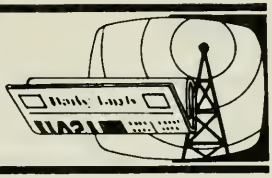
Where is there a people that believes that this restoration of the Gospel was to be effected by angelic ministration, and that the Gospel so restored was then to be carried to all the peoples of the earth?

Where is there a people that believes that in a day subsequent to New Testament times, the kingdom was to be restored to Israel and the scattered remnants of that people gathered back to the lands of their inheritance?

Where is there a people that actually believes that signs will follow those who accept and obey the Gospel law, that professes to have among the membership of the church the working of miracles, the ministering angels, the gifts of the Spirit, and all the powers and graces that were had anciently?

Now we might multiply questions on all of these matters, but I submit to you that every essential, identifying characteristic of the New Testament Church can, with intelligence and propriety, be outlined under one of these six hands: name, authority, organisation, doctrines, and gifts of the Spirit. And I submit further that there is only one Church in all the world that so much as claims to have every essential identifying characteristic of the Church organised and perfected by Christ and his Apostles anciently, and that one Church is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

NEWS



SCOTTISH MISSION

★ A Burn's Supper was held on 24th January in the cultural hall of the ABERDEEN Branch. Over a hundred guests attended including Pres. and guests attended including Pres. Alastair Smith, a counselor in the mission presidency and Sister Smith.

The Haggis was piped in by a piper from the Queen's Own Highland Division. Pres. William S. Black was in charge of the proceedings, and the address to the Haggis was made by Brother James Dunlop from New Zealand. The Selkirk Grace was by Pres. Dhewan Duthie and the Immortal Memory by Isobel Coull. A toast to the Lassies was proposed by Pres. Tommy Thompson and the reply given by Moria Kemp.

★ The following leter has been received from the Scottish Mission:

On the 11th January, in the Edinburgh Chapel, a dinner and presentation of medals was held to celebrate the winning of the Mark E. Petersen Cup by the Scottish Mission football team. Pres. Brown, Mission president, presented the trophy and medals to the players. A thoroughly enjoyable evening started with a fine meal provided and served by Mission MIA officers. Speeches followed praising the efforts of players and officials and the evening was well rounded off with an entertaining social.

During its succesful run the team defeated Glasgow Stake (holders 4-1, Manchester Stake 6-1, received a bye in the semi-final, and the final held in Manchester on 14th December, defeated the South West British Mission 1-0.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank the following: Our opponents in each round for the thoroughly enjoyable games we had with them. Our four officials for their enthusiastic support—for the many miles and awkward hours they travelled on our behalf—Harry McGibbon, Selkirk; Dennis Clancy Dundee; William Black and Patrick McRae, both of Aberdeen. These brethren have responsible positions in the Church but still found time to give that extra mile. To all who supported us through each round and especially to our supporters who travelled to Manchester for the final.

The final itself exemplified all that is good in the game of soccer. It was skilful, hard, exciting and played in a highly sporting manner. Both sides had ample chances to win, but the only goal of the game was scored by Angus Thomson of Dundee. The outstanding memory, however, is the gracious and dignified sportsmanship shown by the S.W. British Mission team when applauding the Scots lads into the pavilion; although they were obviously disappointed at the result. This made a deep impression with the Scots players and supporters.

Our gratitude also to the organizers of the tournament and to Bro. and Sis. Weightman for their kind hospitality while in Manchester.

Finally, as captain of the Scottish Mission team, I would like to thank our players for the fine spirit that prevailed throughout and for their individual enthusiasm, without which we could not have come through successfully in all aspects of the game. It was a pleasure to play alongside such fine young

and some not so young men.

Yours faithfully,
David G. C. Burns,
Edinburgh Branch President

★ Elder Tommy Snee was given a welcome return to the Dundee Branch on his return from a two year proselyting mission on Jan. 12th. He is working with the Aaronic Priesthood in the branch.



★ The two Dundee branches cooperated to produce a Burn's Supper on Feb. 1st, in aid of the PERTH Branch building fund. (A chapel is to be built there later this year.)

Approximately 120 attended, twenty-five percent being nonmembers. Lottie Ross addressed the Haggis which was piped in by Mr. Wilkie, a friend of the branch. The grand finale was a stage show produced and directed by Sister Clancy in which Tom O'Rourke sang "A Man's a man for a' that."

★ The KILMARNOCK Branch held their Burn's Supper on Jan. 25th, the poet's birthday. Members from AYR and STEVENSON were invited to attend and about 70 people gathered to pay tribute to Scotland's National Bard.

Arthur Ritchie of Stevenson, gave the address to the Haggis, which was then eaten with the traditional "neeps and tatties" Mary Reid of Kilmarnock gave "The Immortal Memory" in which she spoke highly of Burns fine qualities and his deep understanding of life and our need to be considerate of one another. Many songs, poems, and other contributions were given from Burns' works during the very enjoyable evening.

BRITISH MISSION

★ On January 20th, GORLESTON Branch held a dinner and dance at the Imperial Hotel for members and their friends . Fifty-one attended this very delightful evening and their ages ranged from 12 to 80.

Two popular members of the branch Bro. and Sis. Keith Shaw, bought a donkey for their children, Karen, Mark



Sister Shaw with new pet of the Shaw family, Angelina.

and Martin. It lives in the summer house in their garden and causes lots of curiosity. The donkey, whom they call Angelina, is expecting a happy event about Springtime, now everyone is anxiously waiting for the great day.

Keeping a donkey as a pet often has hilarious results, she often trots into the house if the door is left open. One day she went into the hall, slipped, and ended up jammed near the back door and help was needed to move her. After an urgent phone call to Brother Shaw all ended well.

★ The ESSEX District Sweetheart Ball this year was organized by the Young Marrieds of SOUTHEND Branch, who decorated the Cultural Hall with hearts. Dancing was to the group "Free Spirit" who provided all types of music, and many prizes were given under the direction of the two comperes Clinton Lee and James Whitefield. Over 70 people attended and spent an enjoyable evening.

★ SOUTHEND BRANCH held an Appreciation Dance on Jan. 25th. There was no charge as it was a tribute to the work of the branch officers and teachers. Sixty members gathered for the party fun.

We understand that Neil Gahagan of Southend Branch, came 2nd. in the South East Essex Schools Cross Country Championships this year. We offer him our congratulations.

★ CHELMSFORD Branch went Indian on Jan. 31st. Pres. Marion Freeman of the Y.W.M.I.A. prepared a curry buffet, but only 17 arrived to sample the excellent food and enjoy themselves square dancing. The district MIA leaders attended and District Pres. Harold W. Hunt led the dancing. The evening was a success and made a pleasant change, it also added £4. 10s. 0d to the branch budget.

IRISH MISSION

★ A large crowd filled the Holywood Cultural Centre to enjoy the production of the M.I.A. Parent, Youth, Musical "Make Mine Happy". This was a fun packed play depicting the generation gap between parents and their children. The actors were sincere in interpreting their parts, and the cleaning ladies who changed the specially constructed scenery added fun and laughs.

The play was under the direction of the District Youth Activity Committee. Everyone went home a little happier and with a better understanding of the work of the branch officers and teachers problems of parents and youth.



Final scene of "Make Mine Happy at Holywood Road Chapel, Belfast.

★ M.I.A. members both young and old met on News Year's Eve for an evening of dancing and fun. The party was held at Holywood Cultural Hall and from 9 to 10p.m. dancing to records was enjoyed, with the older members showing the younger ones the finer points of the waltz and the "two step." At 10p.m. a buffet luncheon was served, then at 11p.m. the dance band arrived. It was then the turn of the young folk to teach the oldsters the finer points of modern dancing. At midnight "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and Happy New Year greetings exchanged. Dancing then continued until 1 a.m. when late night transport was arranged to take everyone to their homes

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LEEDS STAKE

★ The New year saw a change in the presidency of the East Leeds Branch, due to the fact that Pres. Kenneth Hewitt was moving to another part of the country. The new branch president is now Harry Keat, with Alan Bowden and Neville Oldham as counselors and Frank Kendall as branch clerk.

On Jan. 25th, 150 members and friends attended the East LEEDS Branch dinner, where they had a high old time with plenty to eat thanks to the Relief Society sisters' culinary skills. After dinner entertainment was provided through the many and varied talents of the local saints and their neighbours in the Leeds Ward.

★ HUDDERSFIELD Ward held their MIA Valentine Party on Feb. 13th, it was well attended and started with several games which everyone enjoyed. The refreshments were varied and included some mysterious "Love-potion Pasties", which added to the excitement. The party ended with dancing to records. No new romances were reported as a result of the party, but all the old ones appeared to be still in good order.

The ward recently became the proud owner of a new table-tennis table, which was made by Albert Kirk, from a donation by the Ward Elders Group.

Recent visitors to Huddersfield Ward were Mike and Christine Convey, and for Christine it was a trip home. She left the ward a little over four years ago for Zion, where she met and married Mike who is a company representative. Her sister Patricia is married to Bernard Fahey, a member of the ward bishopric.

★ We are glad to be able to report that Bishop Kenneth Bolton, formerly bishop of Dewsbury Ward and at present the Stake Y.M.M.I.A. supt. is



East Leeds Branch presidency, Pres. Harry Keat, seated; R. A. Bowden, left; N. Oldham and F. Kendall

making satisfactory progress following a recent heart attack.

★ DEWSBURY Ward held their first annual dinner on the last Saturday in January, organised by Robert Stevenson, Elders group leader. A hundred members enjoyed a splendid meal of chicken, roast and creamed potatoes, mushrooms, peas and delicious onion gravy, cooked by Arthur Gale and his assistants. The tables were decorated with beautiful centre pieces by May Bolton. The Huddersfield Elders Group acted as waiters, and after dinner entertainment was provided by some of the youth of the ward. Bishop Gordon Williams conducted a familiar "Take your Pick" programme, which had novelty prizes. Vivien Laycock received an assignment for a 2½ minute talk, and she still can't decide whether she won or lost! The programme ended with Pres. Harry Kilner of the 3rd Elders Quroum in very good form as a comedian.

★ HALIFAX Ward also held a dinner in grand style in January, organised by the Ward Building Committee in aid of the building fund. This was their first function for some time and the 50 members who attended were well rewarded for the £1 per plate donation.

★ It was a big night out at HUDDERSFIELD on Saturday, Feb. 15th, when the stake held it's roadshow. The productions were of the highest standard ever achieved, and with Leeds' reputation for excellence, that was quite something!

Seven of the thirteen units in the stake took part in the show, each depicting the theme which was "Reaching High", and that is just what the participants did. WAKEFIELD were pleasing and entertaining in a cannibal island setting; DEWSBURY chose old China and eternal love to explain their interpretation of the theme. HUDDERSFIELD took to the air with a potted and sometimes comical history of man's upward reach through the skies to the moon; BRADFORDS Broadway-like production had about five of the six great Lamanite nations onstage at one time, or so it seemed, and it added up to the tops in entertainment. LEEDS Ward provided the laughs, which came regularly as Paul Whitehead portrayed Ugh, the brave cave man who not only killed all the prehistoric monsters, but solved the problem of how to get out of the ice-age. This young man deserves a special mention for his performance. EAST LEEDS warned about the perils of reaching for money instead of the eternal values of the Gospel and Eternal Marriage, which to some extent was also the treatment SHEFFIELD gave to their show, with well-made Bohemian costumes and two angels-one Irish-added as an extra treat.

Over 400 attended in spite of almost Arctic weather conditions, and they were well rewarded for their efforts.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ At the NEWCASTLE Ward Valentine Dance/Party, John Beattie was presented with a silver spoon mounted with figures for winning the men's Single Table-Tennis competition in M.I.A. The party was well attended and the games held in various rooms for rotating small groups were very successful.

Car-washing on Saturday mornings continues to do well, and at 2/6d. per wash, quite a few pounds have been made for the ward funds. Brother and Sister Prendergast have been instrumental in this and the young people of MIA have rallied behind them.



Cannock Branch social.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Members of the Cannock Branch met recently for a party, and Sister Mudd decorated the hall with brightly coloured streamers and balloons to create the right atmosphere. The hall was soon filled with music and merriment as the members arrived. First there was a delicious tea served by the Relief Society, and afterwards the children were entertained with games led by Brother Mudd. The programme arranged by Brother Freeman, included songs from the Relief Society sisters, some skits and games performed by Elders Miller, Shaw, Burningham and Beecham. One was a guessing game involving the audience, in which the reward for a correct answer was a crazy foam pie in the face! Then the missionaries were put at the mercy of the members, and were commanded to do the twist and stand on their heads, among other things. To end the riotous evening everyone present joined in community singing.

★The HEREFORD MIA held their annual Valentine's Dance on Feb. 14th, but this year chose a country and western theme. Music was provided by Roy Bevan, a popular visitor to M.I.A. who also acted as M.C. Despite the liveliness of the dances, the festivities continued from 8 p.m. until midnight.

★ The indoor pitch events organised by the MIDLANDS WEST District at WORCESTER proved an outstanding success. Over seventy youth participated. KIDDERMINISTER Branch took the girl's netball and basketball honours; while WORCESTER won both the junior and senior five-a side soccer events, and the mens' basketball by only two points to nil after a very exciting tussle with Hereford. HEREFORD were successful in the Volleyball Tournament though, and also made a clean sweep of the table tennis when Bob Edden won the mens' singles, and Bob and Graham Burton took the mens' doubles. Heather Matthews had a walkover in the ladies events.

★ A happy group of saints and three investigators, enjoyed the festivities at the HEREFORD Relief Society Pancake Party. After several games, designed to quicken the wits, and appetites of all

present, pancakes ably cooked by Myra Burton, Hilda Jones and Pamela Maklin were devoured with suitable comments of appreciation. Geoffrey Boucher was seen deftly tossing some pancakes.

★ The first Visiting Teachers Convention, held in each district of the mission under the direction of the Mission Relief Society presidency, have just been completed.

The theme "Take Time To Show Love", featured "Minutes of Relection", "Moments for Messages", and the film "Unto the Least of These" and "Sharing Our Love". Each sister who attended received a visiting teachers diary entitled "Truths to live by" which contained messages, space for notes and planning dates for visits each month.

The conventions were well received and helped to foster a greater understanding of the callings as a Visiting Teacher. Because of the appreciation expressed by the Relief Society presidencies, the visiting teachers and the priesthood advisors, it is hoped to make these conventions an annual event in the mission.

In the social hour which followed immediately after the presentations, each district Relief Society presidency provided refreshments, consisting of home made savouries and sweets.

★ On Jan. 1st, the BEDFORD Relief Society sisters and their families enjoyed a New Year Day buffet at the home of Brother and Sister Gibbons. Entertainment consisted of folk songs, games and a programme of Scottish songs and dances.

They also recently presented the branch president with £44 - 10 - 0d. for the branch building fund. This amount was raised by making sandwiches and



New group of "Mission-Aires" of Central British Mission.

sweets, which were sold to the men at R.A.F. Chicksands, over the Christmas and New Years Holiday Season.

★ Pres. and Sister George I. Cannon were hosts to leaders of the mission and the Leicester Stake and their wives on Friday 21st Feb., for an informal social evening at the mission home, to introduce the new "Mission-Aires". The group of 8 missionaries was reorganised in January, and they have been working very hard since then preparing a repetoire which includes, hymns, folk songs, negro spirituals, popular songs and ballads. Whereas before they only had guitars as accompaniment, they now have piano, double bass and guitar.

From past experience, the mission has found the services of the Mission-Aires invaluable at their Open Houses and Telerama programmes. Many people have been attracted to the Church through their music. For 5 days a week they work as ordinary missionaries in the Birmingham area, but at the weekends they have been travelling to other branches in the mission and wards in the stake to help with their new programme the "Finda · Member Week". They sing in the streets and at the socials on the last evening, also at non-church functions.

The main purpose of this informal gathering was to show just how tho Mission-Aires could help the members, and how the members could make the necessary arrangements to help the Mission-Aires. All those present were greatly impressed by the high standard of the group and the wide variety of the programme. Unfortunately because of the fog and snow a number of the bishops and branch presidents were unable to attend but already the Mission-Airs are getting a full quota of bookings and their fame is spreading.

★ On 28th Feb., 150 people squeezed into the Mission Home for a fireside at which Elder John Longden, assistant to the Twelve, was the guest speaker. The Mission-Aires opened the programme with a selection of songs, and then Catrina Melbourne of the Stafford Branch gave a brief but interesting talk on her experiences in the Church. Adrian Thorpe from Rugby followed, his subject being "What the Gospel means to me". President Cannon then introduced Elder Longden, who spoke of his early days in the Church and his experiences in M.I.A. and as a bishop. When he had finished speaking he was pursuaded to sing "Bless this House". The Mission-Aires sang "The Lord's Prayer" and then everyone joined in singing the Mission song. After ice cream the young people left for their homes.

★ Congratulations must also be offered to another schoolboy for his achievement in sport. This time to Wayne Cannon, son of President and Sister Cannon, who has represented both his school and the Warwickshire County in Rugby Football, and has now been chosen to play for the Midlands County Team. We wish him continued success.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ A dinner by candelight was the WALSALL MIA's activity on Valentine's Day. The flickering candles reflected on the red and white tablecloths and decorations as the dinner of soup, turkey and apple pie was enjoyed. Afterwards there was dancing organised by Val Richards and Val Pittaway, while Mervyn Lewis was the M.C. Elizabeth Degville and Noreen Croguennec were responsible for activities in the kitchen.

★ Feb. 15th for the youth of the stake was their biggest social event of the

year, the Gold and Green Ball. The theme was Valentines Day. and hearts and flowers decorated the Stake Centre Cultural Hall. The young ladies in their lovely long evening dresses and their escorts also in formal attire made a glittering scene as they danced to the music of Eric Valentines Band. Over 300 attended. Once again it was a pleasure to see the 17-year-old girls being presented and receiving a flower from Pres. Rankin. During the interval entertainment was provided by the Leicester Folk Group.

★ A big event in the lives of the 9 to 12-year-old girls of the stake Primary and 1st year Beehive was their "Daddy-Daughter Date" which was a buffet dance at the stake house. The theme was "Moonlight and Roses," with paper roses and silver moons and nearly all the young girls in long dresses. Over 180 had fun watching the cabaret and dancing to the band after listening to a short talk from Gillian Sherrif of the Stake Primary Board. Bouquets of roses were presented to Stake Primary Pres. Kathleen Sullivan and Sister Isobel Cannon of the Central British Mission. The evening ended at 9.30 p.m. with the band playing "God Save the Queen".

★ In recent stake tournaments the Nottingham Girls won the Netball finals after close contests with the Leicester and Birmingham teams. Leslie Steele, Carol Smith and Alan Searston, all from Nottingham took the Men's singles Ladies singles and under 16's respectively in the Table Tennis Tournament.

Birmingham Ward won the prized trophy for basketball this year, with three brothers playing in the team.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ SOMERSET District Pres. Norman T. Woodhead and his wife Barbara gave a party for all members of the district in celebration of their Silver Wedding. Entertainment for the 70 guests included dancing, games and a small cabaret. The buffet was arranged by Pres. Woodhead and his son Peter, who is a chef. During the evening presentations were made to the happy couple from the branches and individuals; their three sons gave a large bouquet of roses.

★ Activities at WESTON-SUPER-MARE Branch recently included a Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the Branch Building Fund, it was organised by Enid Fulfit.'

★ Primary children from the three branches of the Somerset District were



Birmingham Ward basketball team, Wayne, Grant and George Cannon David Mace, Bob Cotterill and Ron Baker.

invited to a party at YEOVIL on Jan. 4th. Forty-two children enjoyed a tea consisting of cakes, jellies and trifles, and then each one received a gift. The party was organised by the District Primary Pres., Margaret Allen and her counselors assisted by all the sisters in Yeovil. After the tea, games and competitions were provided and organised by Pres. Rowland Elvidge and Christopher Allen.

★ The Somerset District Aaronic Priesthood Committee arranged a special Sacrament Meeting at TAUNTON Jan. 19th, which was attended by Mission Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw, and Sister Bradshaw.

The young members of the committee drew up the whole programme and made the assignments. Speakers included Nicholas Bridgwater (a deacon), Richard Fulfit (a teacher) and David O'Keefe, president of the committee. Pres. Bradshaw presented certificates of ordination and achievement. He also gave each Aaronic member the book "Aaronic Priesthood through the Ages" and was the concluding speaker.

★ About 30 people aged from 13 to 50 attended a Valentine Dance at the HARTLEY Chapel on Feb. 15th. The dancers were well prepared as they have been having lessons once or twice a week in both folk and modern dancing at the chapel since January. Refreshments were organised by the District M.I.A. and the proceeds are to go towards helping with the finances of those who travel to Bristol and Manchester for the sports finals.

★ Latest in the Saturday evening socials of the BOURNEMOUTH Branch was a "Fish and Chip Dance" organised by the MIA presidencies under the leadership of Harry Leal. The intention was to cut down the work of preparation to a minimum, so instead of spending half the evening in the kitchen, the brothers and sisters sat down to a meal collected from the local 'chippy' and found the whole idea very enjoyable indeed.

Once the eating was complete—hardly a single chip remaining! and chairs and tables cleared away, the members throughly enjoyed themselves in the M.I.A. room, where some very lively dancing was performed to records organised by Ken Smith.

GLASGOW STAKE

★ Elder and Sister A. Ray Curtis of Salt Lake City were special guests as one hundred and fifty members of the stake gathered at Claremont Terrace in GLASGOW on Jan. 25th to enjoy a Burns' Supper.

The chairman of the supper was Pres. Arthur F. Herbertson. Samuel McCreadie piped in the Haggis, which was carried by Stake Patriarch, Samuel Mckim, who also gave the address to the Haggis. The dinner was served by the Relief Society Sisters of the Glasgow/Springburn Ward.

The "Immortal Memory" was proposed by Pres. David M. Porch, who interspersed his story of Burn's life with appropriate excerpts from his works. A toast to the "Lassies" was given by William Scott and replied to by Lassie Jean McLaren. "Tam O'Shanter" was recited by Tilly Clark.

Scotlands outstanding dancer, Victor Wesley, gave his interpretation of the "Sword Dance", and special musical selections were presented by Margaret Scott, Pres. and Sister Archibald Richardson, Dan Fernie and the Glasgow/Springburn Ward Choir.



Officers at Luton Stake Gold & Green Ball, from left, John and Marie Snell, Supt. Bill Sheppard and Sister Sheppard and Pauline Doggett, YWMIA president.

LONDON STAKE

★ On Jan. 24th, 20 young people gathered at South London Chapel for a "working party". Hot soup and french bread were served, and to the accompaniment of records the group enjoyed themselves decorating the cultural hall for the Stake Gold and Green Ball on Jan. 25th.

Theme of the ball was Grecian, around the Hall were white pillars twined with roses and draped with red hangings. The small tables were decorated with centrepieces of white roses, and a lowered ceiling of white streamers helped to create a festive atmosphere.

Over 400 people from the stake and many parts of the surrounding missions attended. Everyone was warmly greeted at the door by Bill Sheppard, Stake supt. Y.M.M.I.A. and his wife, and Pauline Doggett, Stake Y.W.M.I.A. Pres.

The evening went with a swing under the direction of the M.C. Pres. Harold Hunt of the Essex District, and the music was excellently provided by the



Crowd at London Stake Gold-Green Ball.

Mole River Band. The organisers, John and Marie Snell of the Stake MIA, received many congratulations for an outstanding evening.

★ The Stake GLEMM Council (M-MEN-GLEANER council) organised a very successful Valentine Dance on Feb. 15th at the Hyde Park Chapel. The decorations were of hearts of every size and colour. Everyone was given a heart-shaped badge on which to put his or her name, and all the girls were given heart-shaped dance cards. James Ellis of the Croydon Branch acted as M.C. and part of the programme consisted of barn dancing led by Pauline Doggett.

The whole evening was planned by the Council under Evelyn Morton president, North London Branch and Frances Craven and Geoffrey Willmott, Stake Gleaner and M-Men Leaders.

★ Primary officers and teachers of the EPSOM Ward attended a dinner party at the home of Brother and Sister Ronald Davis recently. Highlight of the evening was the excellent meal, at a table gaily decorated with this year's Primary theme "Communication". Afterwards everyone participated in games and a fancy hat parade and had a most memorable evening.

At the Ward Relief Society Bazaar, gaily decorated stalls displayed a wide variety of merchandise, and side shows, a hairdressers' salon and a cafe all helped to raise the magnificent sum of £90.

LUTON CHAPEL

★Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, dedicated the Luton Ward Chapel, Feb. 17 and warned that moral standards in the world are being lowered as religious belief declines.

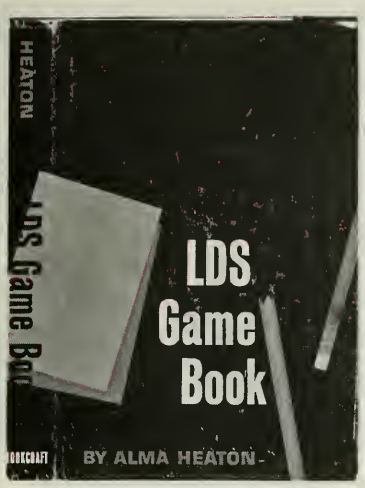
"The glamour of living dangerously is weakening moral standards. There is a decrease in religious belief and with it in the family as the basis of life, Elder Longden declared.

The mayor of Luton, Councillor Cyril Jephson congratulated the Mormons on completing their chapel. He said the prime need of present-day youth "is the steadying influence of the Church."

Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr., Patriarch Joseph W. Darling, former



At dedication of Luton Ward Chapel, from left, Bishop Monitor C. Noyce, Mrs. Ivy Jephson, the mayoress, Pres. J. W. Child, British South Mission, Councillor Cyril Jephson, the mayor; Elder John Longden and London Stake Pres. Joseph Hampstead Jr. (Courtesy Luton News)



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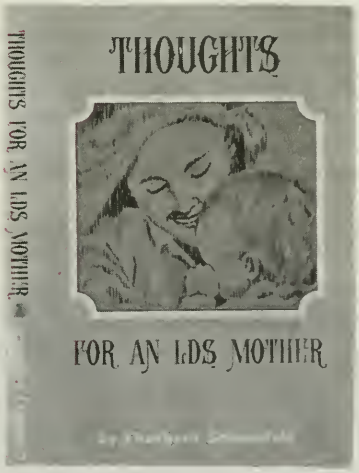
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Elder John Longden autographs programmes for children of Luton Ward.

president of the stake; Stanley G. Titmus, a stake missionary and formerly a counselor in the bishopric; Raymond Poole, a building missionary during construction of the chapel, each reflected upon experiences and lessons learned while building the chapel. Bishop Monitor C. Noyce asked members of the ward to rededicate themselves to living the Gospel and spreading its message. The service was conducted by John R. Keen first counselor in the bishopric. John D. Hood, second counselor, offered the benediction. Mabel Hood was the pianist. Bishop Noyce accompanied the ward choir as it sang two special numbers directed by Charles Mitchell. Leslie A. Lloyd who applied the roof to the chapel gave the invocation.

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Luton Ward Choir congratulated by Elder John Longden and Bishop Noyce, left. (Courtesy Luton News)

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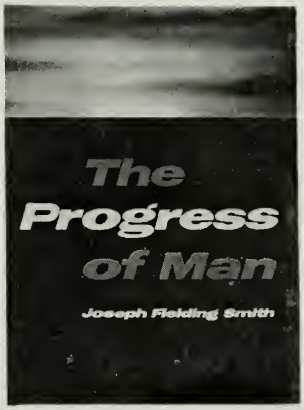
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★ Donna Turner Smith from Wilmette, Illinois, is involved in enough activities to keep most people in a state of frenzy. But not Donna—the quality that is most striking is her complete serenity. She is the wife of Morris Smith, a real estate representative for Shell Oil Company, mother of three daughters and one son, president of her Ward Relief Society and actively engaged in the demands of a concert career. She will be in England early in May to play several concerts for the benifit of the Church. She will perform in London, Reading, and Birmingham during her short stay.



Sister Smith began her career in California when she made her debut at the age of eight. At thirteen she soloed with the Pan-Pacific Women's Symphony. In 1947 she went to Chicago on a music scholarship to De Paul University and studied with Sergi Tarnowsky, the teacher of Horowitz. Later she moved to New York and studied under Muriel Kerr. Since then she has played with many major symphony ochestras in the United States, performing in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. She has been described as "an unusually gifted artist and one of the outstanding young American pianists playing today."

In 1967 she completed a successful European tour and was acclaimed by the critics wherever she performed. She gave concerts in London, Lucerne, Hamburg, and appeared on television. She received the Anda Buhrle Prize, awarded to the most outstanding performer of the Genza Anda Masters School while in Europe.

Donna Smith returns to the Continent this Spring to solo with the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra and will play Church benefit concerts, as well, while she is in this part of the world.

Donna is an active, contributing member of the Church. Her music has been a special gift that she has shared in a Church capacity. She has not only played but has directed Church choirs as well. She was director of the choir at the dedicatory of the Oakland Temple in California.

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Work started on the chapel in 1963 and was completed in 1965. A "Help Dedicate" dinner, chaired by Sister Gladys H. Noyce, successfully raised the final funds last October needed to pay off the construction debt prior to dedication.

Sister Longden accompanied Elder Longden to the special services. Also present as special guests were Mayoress of Luton, Mrs. Jephson, Pres. J. W. Child of the British South Mission, Sis. Child, presidency of the Watford District of the BSM and high councilmen of the London Stake and their families.





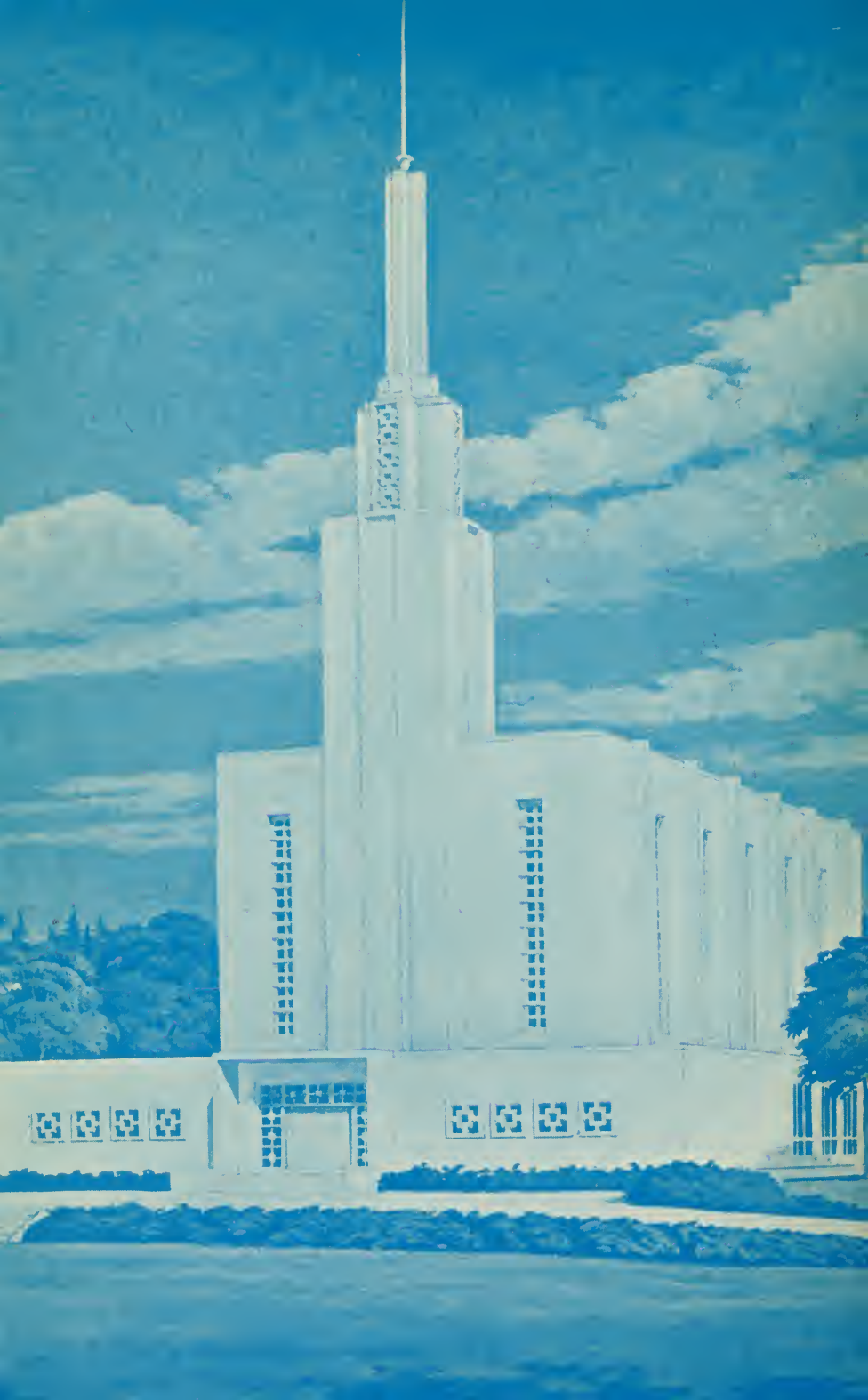
As the Father hath power in Himself, so hath the Son power in Himself, to lay down His life and take it again, so He has a body of His own. The Son doeth what He hath seen the Father do: then the Father hath some day laid down His life and taken it again; so He has a body of His own; each one will be in His own body; and yet the sectarian world believe the body of the Son is identical with the Father's.

—Joseph Smith

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Pres. and Sis. Theron M. Ashcroft of the Irish Mission.

Noted Educator Presides

★ Pres. and Sister Theron M. Ashcroft came to preside over the Irish Mission on August 8, 1967. They left their home in the small Mormon city of Cedar City in Southern Utah to enter the mission field and for the first time became acquainted with missionary life.

Pres. Ashcroft has been an active scouter all his life and led one at the first Vanguard Groups in the Church. He filled offices in the M.I.A., Sunday School superintendency, and as counselor in a bishopric. This was followed by a number of years on the High Council. He was called to serve as Bishop and then Stake President. It was from this position he was called to the Irish Mission. Pres. Ashcroft has been connected with young people all of his adult life, as a teacher and head of the Physical Science Department at the College of Southern Utah. Here he had much opportunity to counsel and guide young people.

Sister Ashcroft has grown up with the auxiliaries of the Church. For the first 10 years of her married life she worked in M.I.A. Then as her children grew up she took them with her into the Primary Association. She holds a 25 year service certificate for Primary work both on the ward and stake level.

Latter years found her working as president of Relief Society, both ward and stake and Cultural Refinement Leader. She loves the young people of the Church and has always been keenly interested in their activity programmes.

Pres. and Sister Ashcroft have seven children, six married and one deceased. They have sixteen grandchildren. The love and support of their family has meant a great deal to them as they labour in the Irish Mission. They love their work here in the Emerald Isles

The chance to work with and guide the lives of 170 missionaries they believe is a great challenge, but also a great blessing. To know and love these choice young men and women, they say, is one of the greatest opportunities they could have. Also to know the wonderful Saints of Ireland and to feel their great strength and testimony is a blessing for them to treasure forever. They enjoy labouring and growing in the Gospel with them, and to look forward to growth of the Irish Mission in the coming years.

IRISH MISSION CREST

Four divisions of the Crest:

1. The Red hand of Ulster, representing the provinces of Northern Ireland.
2. The Harp, symbol of the Free Republic of Ireland.
3. The Three Legged symbol, representing the Isle of Man. "No matter which way I am thrown I will stand."
4. The Temple, the focal point of spirituality in the British Isles.

On either side of the Crest stands the Lion and the Unicorn. The Lion symbolizes the British crown, reminding us that this is one of the seven missions of the British Isles. Also the Lion symbolizes the House of Judah, stick of Judah or Holy Bible.

The Unicorn stands for the House of Ephraim which the Elders as servants of God represent in proclaiming the message of the everlasting Gospel to the world.

The Crest is topped by a figure representing the Angel Moroni. This signifies the restoration of the Gospel in this dispensation of time and the preaching of the Gospel to all people on the earth.



The small Shamrock, represents the Emerald Islands.

The words under the Crest are "Ora, Studeo and Labora." This signifies the three laws of effective missionary effort, "Pray, Study and Work."

Together the Crest represents the "Mission of Destiny" the names given to the Irish Mission by President Covey at the time it was made an independent mission in 1962.

A "Mission Of Destiny"

★ "Good morning! My companion and I are representing Jesus Christ and His church. We're here to tell you that He loves you and wants you to be a member of His true church. May we come inside and talk to you for a few minutes?"

This is the way hundreds of Irish people are greeted each day by smiling missionaries located throughout the "Emerald Isle." These missionaries are part of one of the four zones which make up the Irish Mission. Zones 1 and 2 includes Belfast and surrounding areas. Zone 3 includes the area 30 miles north of Belfast and the Isle of Man. Zone 4 is the largest of the four zones taking in all of the Irish Republic.

Each zone comprises four to six districts, each district containing four to fourteen proselyting missionaries, bringing the total missionary force to one hundred and seventy. This complete force for good is capably led by Pres. Theron M. Ashcroft and his sincere, loving wife, who adjust and modify the programmes in accordance with the political contentions which are prevalent today in Northern Ireland. These programmes are also tailored to the needs of the people, keeping in mind the border complications which add to the bigotry and hate which, for years, has existed between Catholicism and Protestantism. These programmes may be classified into four main groups:

1. Door to door tracting, employing visual aids and placement copies of the Book of Mormon.
2. Street meetings and surveys.
3. Open-houses and firesides using films and discussions.
4. Baptismal services as well as other investigator meetings.

All of the proselyting methods are proving worthwhile. The first; door to door tracting, is probably the method most commonly used throughout Ireland. Hundreds of copies of the Book of Mormon are placed by this programme, enabling a good team of missionaries to call back and teach the Gospel to these wonderful people. Flip charts and other visual aids help to hold the people's interest long enough for a strong testimony to be borne, which may open the heart of an individual to receive the Gospel.

Proselyting missionaries may knock on as many as 500 doors in one day. Of these, 200 were never opened, another 200 were never opened long enough to hear the wonderful message presented. Of the remaining 100, 85 will listen to the testimonies but always come back with that same trite phrase, "I'm sorry but I'm not interested." As many as 5 of those 15 remaining will listen to the Gospel message and skeptically consider it. One or two of these 5 may consider the testimonies of the missionaries and their glorious message prayerfully. These will have answers to their prayers and will then join themselves to the truth, embracing the Gospel and all of its programmes.

Street meetings and good weather seem to go together. On warmer days, the cities are busy with shoppers and tourists. This makes for an ideal situation for a street meeting. These meetings or surveys are usually held in a wide portion of the sidewalk in the centre of the city. Colourful pictures, and Tabernacle Choir background music help to get people's interest. These

programmes are used throughout the Irish Mission also and are proving very effective in breaking down barriers between "Mormonism" and the people. Through this method, hundreds of people are exposed to the Gospel truths taught within Christ's Church. Many copies of the Book of Mormon are placed through street meetings too, again enabling missionaries to return and teach the Gospel.

Efficiency is a key word here in the Irish Mission. Efficiency determines the heights of success that can be attained. To be efficient advantage must be taken of every opportunity. Throughout Ireland, there are four beautiful chapels. These are very effective proselyting tools if used properly. All missionaries are invited to bring their contacts to an "open-house" held within one of the chapels. Here, the contacts will be introduced to Relief Society, Primary, M.I.A. and Sunday School presidencies who will in turn explain to them their particular auxiliary, showing them samples of their works, such as quilts from the Relief Society, or children singing to represent Primary or Sunday school. A short skit from M.I.A. always makes a hit with contacts. After the contacts have been introduced to the Church and its auxiliary organisations, they are all taken into the recreational room where they see the film "Man's Search for Happiness." This programme is effective and again, copies of the Book of Mormon are placed and appointments made.

The fourth programme or proselyting tool is by no means the least effective. This is the baptismal service which for zone 1 and 2 are held every Thursday evening. Here, contacts can witness for themselves an actual baptism by the proper authority and they can feel the spirit there as many are given the Holy Ghost.

Branch and district presidencies or other strong members then welcome the newly baptised members into the "household of God." It is a spiritual uplift for everyone there and helps convince the contacts that Christ's Church is upon the earth today in its fulness, and that the authority of Jesus Christ is here today.

People are fast recognizing the truth. Ireland is a promising part of the vineyard. It has a history of great Church leaders serving missions for the same cause, to build up the Kingdom of God and to glorify His name. Men like John Taylor and President David O. McKay served in Ireland.

The Irish Mission was officially organised in 1962, Steven R. Covey being the first president of the mission. The Irish Mission is probably the only mission in the world which contains three distinct countries within its boundaries; Northern Ireland, Free Republic of Ireland and the Isle of Man, each a separate and distinct government.

Under Pres. Covey several branches were organised and new chapels built and dedicated. Next came Rolland L. Jaussi under whose direction came two more new chapels, completed and dedicated, making four, all located in the north. Numbers of saints kept increasing steadily, necessitating new programmes and new ideas. These are being met by Pres. Ashcroft under whose administration and largely through his inspiration, giant strides are being made to achieve stakehood in the near future. All preparatory measures are being taken to accommodate this step. The Irish Mission has properly been named the "Mission of Destiny" and the saints and missionaries feel they are destined to succeed. New programmes are working well and the enthusiasm of each missionary can be felt throughout the mission.

John Taylor—First Missionary Came To Ireland In July, 1840

★ The first missionary arrived in Ireland on July 29, 1840. He was John Taylor who later became president of the Church. Two days later he and his companion baptised their first convert in the waters of Lough Brickland. For the next 120 years there was never more than a hand-full of missionaries in Ireland at one time. Early members tell of their excitement and joy of seeing the missionaries about every six months when two men wearing long black coats and high hats came walking down the road.

Then in February, 1961, Ireland was included in the Scottish-Irish Mission. The missionary force increased from 6 to 24 and the membership increased from 540 to 843 in a little over 14 months. The next big step in the progress of the mission came in July,1962,when the Irish Mission was organised and the missionary force increased to 90 members. The first missionary conference was held in the Grand Central Hotel in Belfast on July 13, of that year and those present were President Henry D. Moyle, Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, President Nathan Eldon Tanner, President Bernard P. Brockbank of the Scottish-Irish Mission, and President Steven R. Covey of the newly organised Irish Mission. Since that time the mission has grown steadily in membership, in missionaries and in activity.

There are now more than 4,000 members and more than 170 missionaries. The accompaning chart shows the consistent growth in some of the activities of the Church.



Lough Brickland where first Irish convert was baptised in 1840.



Charts depict steady growth pattern of Irish Mission.

Work Performed With Love

★ Much of the warmth and love reflected in the Irish Mission Home is due to the work of Sister Nickles as cook and Sister Grey (affectionately called Nanny Grey) as housekeeper.

Nanny has been at the mission home ever since it was acquired by the Church. She came first as a Nanny for the Covey children when Pres. and Sister Covey were called to head the mission. When the Coveys left, Nanny had become so attached to the home, that she stayed on as the housekeeper. Her love for the home is shown by the way she keeps things shining from top to bottom. Her words "dear bless him" are pronounced on every Elder who enters the doors either to stay or for the briefest of calls.

Sister Grey has two married sons and a married daughter and two boys at home with her. She has been a member of the Church for three years and delights in finding new investigators to bring to Redhill to "open house" or to refer to the Elders for teaching. Nanny says that Redhill is her second home. She loves every inch of it and it shows in the loving care she gives it.

Sister Nickels' happy personality, and smiling face reigns over the kitchen on



Sister Evelyn Grey, housekeeper at Redhill.



Sister Rachel Nickles, cook at mission home

five days of the week. Often the dining room door is left ajar so that the mission family can enjoy a "live concert" while eating as Sister Nickles sings Irish love songs or hymns as the spirit moves her. She came to the mission home in 1967 and after Sister Ashcroft brought an American cook book and a set of measuring cups and spoons, she quickly learned to cook the favorite American dishes. Occasionally she treats them to a Fish and Chips dinner or some Irish treat just to remind them that they are still in Ireland.

Brother and Sister Nickles are active members of the Rathcoole Branch. She is 1st counselor in the District Primary Board, Social Science leader on the Belfast District Relief Society Board and a Sunday School teacher in the Rathcoole Branch. She is also a Relief Society visiting teacher and sings with the District Singing Mothers group. Brother and Sister Nickles have five children. The oldest son is in America attending B.Y.U. The next son is in the Air Force. Two daughters and a son are at home.

Sister Nickles has been a member of the Church for seventeen years and has seen many changes take place in the Irish Mission. Her strong testimony of the Gospel is a strength to all who are around her and her happy disposition brightens up the mission home whenever she is here

Those who live at the mission home hope that Nanny Grey and Sister Nickles will be able to spend many years in the work they do so well. Their willing and joyous service is an example to all who labour here.

Gardener Delights In Beautiful Grounds Surrounding Mission Home



Robert Hall, gardener at Redhill.

★ Robert Hall, the genial gardener, keeps the spacious grounds of "Redhill" as well as dispensing "bits and pieces" of information on good gardening procedures. "Bob" as affectionately called was born, reared and still lives in Dunmurry about three miles from "Redhill". Although 71 years of age he still rides his bicycle to work each morning, and even goes home for lunch so that his wife will not be lonesome. Their family home was on the Old Forge Estate which is next to the Lady Dixon Estate. As a boy he used to do errands and odd jobs for the gardener of Lady Dixon and finally started as an apprentice gardener. When the gardener at Lady Dixon died, Bob's father took the job and he stayed on as a gardener. After his father's death, he took his place and worked there until about 1947 when he was hired as gardener at "Redhill." When the L.D.S. Church obtained the property in 1962, Bob stayed on to care for the beatiful grounds. At one time there were three other helpers working under Bob's direction but now he does the work himself with occasionally a helping hand from Pres. Ashcroft or one of the mission staff elders.

The grounds around "Redhill' comprise about 5 acres. The property is surrounded by beautiful old trees of many varieties (Bob can tell you the names of all of them.) The spacious lawns, Rhododendron bushes, formal rose beds, sweetpea hedges along the fence, dahlias, lupins, wallflower and chrysanthemun beds make a delightful setting for all who visit "Redhill."

Bob keeps the Mission Home supplied with cut flowers in season, and forces bulbs for early spring flowers, so that there are fresh flowers all year around.

The loving care Bob gives the grounds and his gentle, pleasing personality is appreciated. Bob is a member of the Church of Ireland. He and his wife still live in the family homestead in Dunmurry. He says he has never travelled outside of Belfast, but has spent his entire life right in this neighbourhood.



"Redhill" the Irish Mission Home.

The Mission Home — Inside View

by Lucretia P. Ashcroft wife of the Mission President

★ Whenever I go to buy supplies or needed equipment for the Mission Home the question is always asked by those serving me. "Where is the Mission Home?" or "What is the Mission Home?" So I have a little explaining to do and often get in a "wee bit" of proselyting on the side.

The Irish Mission Home is a beautiful old Red brick mansion home called "Redhill." It has 25 rooms counting the five bathrooms. It is used as the Home of the Mission President and Headquarters of the Irish Mission and here all transactions of the mission are centered. The President guides the



Dinner time at "Redhill" with Sister Ashcroft.



Group of Elders at special Fast and Testimony Meeting starting off a "spiritual feast month"

affairs of his staff of 170-180 missionaries from the Home. Here the Zone Leaders meet to make "moves," to set policies and talk over problems. District Leaders also bring problems and seek advice from the President. The Mission Secretary guides the business affairs from the Home, the Mission Accountant handles all financial affairs from here and the Recorder keeps all Church records. The Printer takes care of all Mission printing from his printing office and all supplies are dispensed from the commissary. The Personal Secretary to the President answers correspondence for the President,keeps a historical record of the Mission, operates the switchboard, keeps a personal file on all the missionaries and keeps a scrapbook on all the activities of the Mission. As wife of the Mission President I try to keep gears oiled and moving smoothly so that the work can go on. One thing we have found as a necessity is to have a room "ever ready" for the sick and ailing. Whenever things get too bad for the Elders to handle, there is a bed waiting at "Redhill." Few weeks pass without our "sick bay" being filled.

We who occupy the Home now, are grateful to those who renovated, modernized and decorated "Redhill" so beautifully. Many thanks should go to Sister Covey who supervised this work and gave us this warm, friendly home to enjoy. We love "Redhill" with its spacious rooms and hallways and I love to share its warmth and beauty with others.

Once a week an "Open House" is held at "Redhill." The missionaries bring their investigators or their newly baptised members to enjoy a friendly evening viewing "Man's Search For Happiness," a tour of "Redhill," refreshments and a visit with the home staff. This has been a popular occasion and most Elders say if they can get their contacts to spend an evening at "Redhill" and attend a Baptismal service, it is pretty certain they can baptise them. Other Youth Firesides and planning meetings are also held whenever the occasion permits.

One section of the Home is reserved for our special guests. When our lead-



Mission Home staff, from left, Elders Jex, Nelson and Watkins, Sister Newbold and Elder Lilengrin.

ers come from Salt Lake they find a warm welcome and comfortable surroundings for their stay here.

With all of these uses, "Redhill" is something else however. It is a Home, not only for those who live here, but for all Missionaries. It is a place to come to when trouble arrives, when questions have to be answered, when supplies are needed or directions required. It is their "Home away from home."

We love this work and our calling. We try to serve the Mission by serving missionaries and members. We are constantly trying to improve our methods so that we can better serve. We pledge our honest efforts to do this so that the Lord's work may go forward in the Irish Mission.



Street meeting is a fine proselyting tool.



Elder Kenneth George Lynn, East French Mission.



Elder Raymond Lowry, North German Mission.

Three Youths From Ireland Serving Full Time Missions



Elder Robert Entwistle, North British Mission.

★ On January 23, 1969, Robert Entwistle flew to England where he will serve a two year mission in the North British Mission. Robert is the son of Robert and Sarah Jamison Entwistle of Belfast. He was called from the Mount Pottinger Branch of the Belfast District. He has been a member of the Church since February, 1964, and has been active in the youth programmes of the Church. ...

Robert joins the ranks with two Irish Elders in the field. Raymond Loury is a missionary in North Germany. His parents are Henry and Ellen Coulter Loury of Lisburn. Kenneth George Lynn. is serving in France. He is the son of President William Robert Lynn and Sister Lynn. Brother Lynn is president of the Dublin Branch.

The Mission District

★ The Mission District consists of the Free Irish Republic and Isle of Man and is supervised by the Mission Home.

There are only two fully organised branches in this district; Dublin and Isle of Man. There are four dependent branches operated by the proselyting elders. They are Banbridge, Newry, Waterford, and Cork. These each have a rented hall to meet in and are carrying forward whatever part of the programme that applies to their congregations. There are several home Primaries and one or two home Relief Societies functioning. In Waterford there is an active M.I.A. organisation and also a Primary, which consistently has 100% attendance. These branches and auxiliaries though small, are serving a good purpose in teaching the Gospel to the members in these areas.



Douglas Branch Sunday School.



Douglas Branch Christmas Primary party.



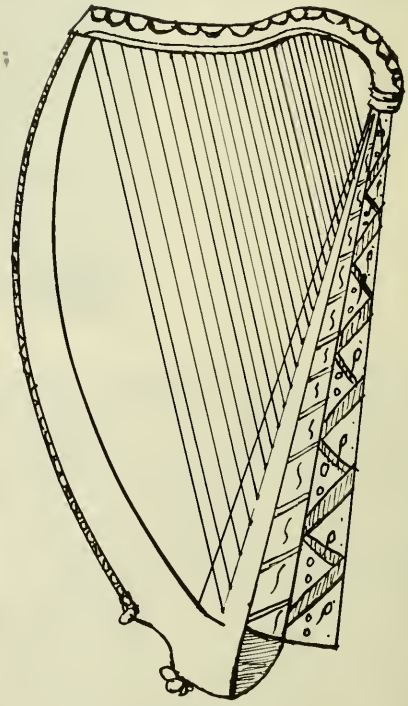
Those attending Douglas Branch Feb. 9.

MISSION M.I.A.

There are three dependent M.I.A's in the Mission District. These are at Dublin, Isle of Man and Waterford. These Branches are organized under the "Small M.I.A." plan and are functioning very well. Whenever possible the young people of these branches join with the Belfast District in their activities. This gives them an opportunity of meeting the other young people of the mission.



Pres. Kendall W. Bunker and Sister Ruth Bunker of Douglas Branch, Isle of Man.



Mission Relief Society (Dependent Branches)

by Mary Brooks

★There are five Relief Societies dependent on the Mission, these are Isle of Man, Dublin, Waterford, Cork and Newry, two of which are organized societies, namely Isle of Man and Dublin.

The Isle of Man carries on ably under President Mollie Bennett. They carry out the Relief Society programme as fully as they can and the spirit among the sisters is very high. One of the highlights of this society was a project that enabled them to visit the temple. They are again working towards this goal and hope to go again in the near future.

The Dublin Relief Society is one of the oldest Societies in Ireland. It is run under the direction of Maude McCabe, and throughout the years has sustained 100% Visiting Teaching. Their membership has grown greatly during this past year due to the many baptisms which have taken place in this area. The new sisters are keen and love the Relief Society work.

The little home Relief Societies carried on under the direction of the missionaries are creating an interest in and a love for the organisation among the few sisters in Waterford, Cork and Newry. They are good springboards from which Relief Society can develop whenever the membership of the Church grows in these areas.

MARY BROOKS

★Mary Brooks joined the Church on 16th June 1956. In August of that year she was called as a counselor in the branch Relief Society and in January 1957 was called as branch Relief Society president, an office which she held 5 years until she was called to the district.



Sister Mary Brooks, Mission Relief Society president.

She has worked in M.I.A., Primar and Sunday School (at present she teaches course 8 in Sunday School). In 1963 when the Irish District became a Mission she was called as 1st counselor in the Relief Society Mission Presidency and in October 1964 was called as Mission Relief Society president. When she was released in 1967 she again worked on the District Board and in the branch Relief Society as 1st counselor and Spiritual Living class leader. She was again recalled as Mission Relief Society President in November 1968 a position which she still holds. She received a conviction of the scope of Relief Society before she was baptised and has an unshaken testimony that this organization is truly the instrument by which the women can progress in themselves. She also believes that Relief Society offers the opportunity for the sisters to carry out the work of our Heavenly Father under the direction of the Priesthood—



Dublin Branch presidency, from left, John E. Fowler, 1st C. Pres. William R. Lynn and Lawrence Hudson, second counselor and clerk.

★The Dublin Branch is presided over by William R. Lynn with John E. Fowler and Laurence Hudson second counselor and branch clerk. There are now 107 members in the branch and it is fast growing into a strong and well organised unit of the Church.

In 1900 Louise Speidel joined the Church in Liverpool and a week later came to Dublin to visit her two sisters, Mrs. William Yorkstitter and Mrs. Fredrick Baker. She told them about the Church of Jesus Christ af Latter-day Saints. It was the first time either of them had heard of the "Mormons" and they were very interested. A small group formed and met together in each other's homes. They wrote to Belfast asking to become members and Elder Frekelton and Elder Saddies (missionaries from Utah) were sent down to perform the baptisms.

Fredrick Baker was the first baptism in Dublin. He was baptised in the River Liffy, February, 1900. Six people were baptised in March 1901. The Dublin Branch was organized on March 29, 1901 with nine members. Fredrick Baker was set apart as branch president with Brothers Eardley and Yorkstetter as counselors. Sister Minnie Baker acted as clerk. They continued to meet in each other's homes as there was no hall available.

Relief Society was organized in 1907 by Bathsheba Penrose. Minnie Baker was president, Marie Yorstetter and Margaret Horlacker counselors. The present president of Relief Society, Sister Maude McCabe is a niece of Fredrick Baker, the first member baptised in Dublin.

The small branch continued to grow until it reached around 40 members in 1946. On July 28, 1946, William R. Lynn was baptised and a month later married his childhood sweetheart, Maureen Magerly, who had first introduced him to Mormonism as they played table tennis in her home. A year later Brother Lynn was made an Elder and sustained as president of Dublin Branch with

Christian F. Steele and George Bruner as counselors. At this time many of the members imigrated to California, Salt Lake and England, leaving only a handful of members in Dublin. Conversions to the Gospel came slowly in this area possibly due to the high percentage of devout Catholics who live there, and also, to the fact that only two elders were stationed there. However, now there is a force of twenty four elders in Dublin and branch membership has climbed to 107 with many choice families coming into the Church. All auxilaries are organised and functioning well for the benefit of the members. They have outgrown their little hall on Eccles Street where they have met for many years. The Church is in the process of buying a building site and hopes are high that they will be able to start building a chapel this spring.



Runner up, winner of road show, Bangor Branch.



Winner of Annual Road show in Irish Mission, Lisburn Branch, from left, Annie E. Davis, Pres. Arthur Webb, Hazel Hammond.



From left, Belfast District presidency, William McBride, clerk; William Stewart, 1st C; Pres John J. Owens and George Warren, 2nd C.

BELFAST DISTRICT PRESIDENCY

★The Belfast District is presided over by Pres. John J. Owens, assisted by counselors William Stewart and George Warren. Bro. William Mc Bride is the District Clerk. The District office is located in Mountpottinger Chapel, Holywood Road, Belfast.

President Owens is a member of Mountpottinger Branch but was born at Drumaroad, Castlewellan, near the Mountains of Mourne in Co. Down. He served in the British Army and married Doris Chown in 1952. They have four children, Anthony, Jeremy, Hilary and Jenny, They were all sealed in The London Temple. Pres. Owens is employed in the Petroleum industry. He enjoys Genealogical research and has a fine tenor voice.

William Stewart, a member of Rosetta Branch, was born in Belfast and reared in the Church by parents who were both members. He was employed on two occasions by the Church Genealogical Department in both research and Microfilming duties. Brother Stewart married Sarah Anne Allen and they have four children, Allen, Robert, Carol and Susan. He lists as highlights in his life as the day he baptised his wife; being ordained an elder at age twenty, and being sealed to Sister Stewart in the Temple at Berne, Switzerland.

George Warren attends Rosetta Branch but was born and reared at Watford, Herts. Formerly a Physical Education instructor in the Forces, he came to Belfast to manage the branch office of an optical manufacturer. He married Betty M. R. Langston in 1950 and they have two fine daughters, Janet and Suzanne. All are faithful in the Gospel and have been sealed in the London Temple. Brother Warren was a keen amateur footballer and still has an avid interest in the game, especially if Watford are playing.

William McBride is the youngest member of the District team and hails from Ballymoney in Co. Antrim. He is a member of the Rathdoole Branch and is engaged to a fine L.D.S., girl Carol Cuming. They are to be married in June and will then attend the Cavehill Branch. William is interested in sports and is an excellent basketball player. His employment concerns the sale of fire fighting equipment.

As a presidency all have a single purpose, to serve the Lord and build His Kingdom here on the earth.

Irish Mission



Elders Quorum presidency, Roy Jackson, left, counselor; Pres. Herbert Brooks and Alexander Kirk, sect.

ELDERS QUORUM

★The Elders Quorum in Ireland is composed of a hundred and thirty seven members formed into small groups and living in fifteen separate branches and three districts with the majority living in the Belfast District. The strength of the quorum lies in the loyal hard working group leaders. These men are dedicated to the work and the quorum presidency working with the group leaders have great hope for the future. The quorum is presided over by Pres. Herbert Brooks, of Bangor Branch, with Roy Jackson, of Mount Pottinger Branch as counselor and Alexander Kirk, of Cavehill Branch as secretary.

The quorum has three members serving on full time missions in France, Germany and England.

The elders are encouraging their members to help in the construction of the new chapel at Rosetta and also to assist in the financing of the building.

A good turn out of the elders and their wives attended the recent Quorum Dinner Dance and party with everyone taking part in the theme of the evening dressed as castaways on a desert island. They enjoyed the fellowship, one with another and everyone voted to hold another such party in the near future.

The goal for 1969, is to establish 100% home teaching. Through this programme they hope to have every elder active with all of them holding temple recommends and working on his genealogy.



Belfast District Relief Society board, from left, front, Emma Macdonald, visiting teaching; Mary Houston, cultural refinement; Sarah Griffiths, chorister; back, Rachel Nickles, social relations; Georgina Harrison, 1st C; Pres Harriet Morrow.

BELFAST DISTRICT RELIEF SOCIETY

★ The Belfast District comprises eight Relief Societies, Bangor, Cavehill, Lisbrun, Mount Pottinger, Portadown, Rathcoole, Rosetta and Stranmillis.

All of these branches worked for a Christmas Bazaar, held last December on a district level, and which was quite successful.

Relief Society Sisters from the various branches are also helping on the building for the new Rosetta Chapel which will be completed early this summer.

Various branches are working towards their Spring Bazaars. The Fashion Parade was a part of the Relief Society birthday party in March.



Belfast District YW MIA presidency, from left, Sister Pritchard, Yvonne Orme, president; Janet Houston, activity counselor.

M.I.A. IN THE BELFAST DISTRICT

★ Although under-staffed, the Belfast District M.I.A. Board with the assistance of four missionaries as an Activity Committee, have endeavoured to put the M.I.A. programme into operation and have had a certain degree of success.

Visiting the branches involves considerable traveling as Belfast District includes Lisburn, 6 miles away, Bangor, 13 miles and Portadown, 26. The in-town branches, although scattered, are within easy reach of the board and the recent amalgamation of three branches has simplified visiting.

The branches were well represented in the cast of "Let It Rain," "All In Favor" and "Make Mine Happy" which were a tremedous success with "packed house" each time.



Brian McCandlass, Belfast District YMMIA superintendent and James M. Graham, first assistant superintendent.

Dancing as usual is one of the best supported parts of the M.I.A. programme.

The Quartet and Musical Festival once again showed how much talent is in the Belfast District. It is encouraging to see some branch presidents using young people to provide a musical touch to Branch Conferences and Sacrament meetings. With the Creative Art Exhibition the next District event on the calendar, a Speech Festival, and One Act Play Festival to follow, it will be a very busy few months for everyone.

The highlight of the year is the

Roadshows at which an audience of about 350 members and investigators last year were treated to a wonderful evenings entertainment. This years theme "The Only One of It's kind should provide some hilarious results.

Some of the youth are still talking about the June Youth Conference when President Mark E. Petersen was present. He was the guest speaker at the Sunday evening fireside which included a beautiful testimony meeting. They are already working on the next conference and hopes are high that it will be memorable

It would seem that as the programme is applied we enjoy success.



Belfast District Primary board, from left, Joan Crawford, 2nd C; Pres. Ruth Beattie, Carol Cummings, chorister; Jackie Williamson, organist. Not shown, Rachel Nickles, 1st C.

Primary Through The Years In Ireland

★ The Latter-day Saint children in Ireland have always been taught in Primary, though it was not until the Irish Mission was organized in 1962 that the workers in this organisation began to learn the complete Primary programme.

Prior to this time, under the direction of the Priesthood, the children in the Church (and many who were not L.D.S.) were assembled together and taught by good women, knowing little of the Primary programme but having some of the spirit of Aurelia Spencer Rodgers, an abounding love for these children of our Heavenly Father; a strong testimony of the Gospel and an understanding of what any children need to know to help them to have a spiritual foundation plus the basis of good citizenship. Quite a few of these "children," now grown men and women with families of their own, remember and thank these women for their patience and diligence in carrying out the Primary programme as they understood it.

In 1962 under the direction of the wife of the first Irish Mission President, Sister Sandra M. Covey, the Primary programme in its entirety was introduced in the Irish Mission. Sister Jill Bleakley a young local women was called to help Sister Covey in the initiation of the programme. Sister Bleakley introduced the standard and taught the proper procedure for Primary meetings. After some months in this office Sister Bleakley was called to M.I.A. and for a



Tables set for Belfast District Primary Daddy Daughter Dinner.

short time two proselyting lady missionaries were called to work in the Primary organisation.

The next local Sister called as the mission Primary president, with two lady missionaries to help, was Sister Harriet Morrow. The mission was then divided into two districts with Sister Mary Stamp and Sister Dora Bailey as the new districts Primary presidents. These districts were then amalgamated again with Sister Bailey as the district Primary president.

After Sister Morrow was released, Sister Price, a proselyting lady missionary, who was here with her husband, was called as the mission Primary president, with two local Sisters, Sister Ruth Beattie and Sister Maureen Sloan as counselors.

Under the new Mission Pres. Rolland Jaussi, Brother and Sister Price were assigned to continue their proselyting work in the Isle of Man and Sister Ruth Beattie was the new mission Primary president. A short time after this the mission heads of the auxiliaries were dissolved. Sister Bailey was released, having left with her family for the States, and Sister Ruth Beattie was called as the Belfast District Primary president.

In 1967 under Sister Jaussi the Irish Mission Primaries were presented with the Primary colours by the Primary General Board in honour of a 17% increase in the attendance of children at Primary for the year 1966-67.

At present in the Belfast District there are seven branch Primaries with four dependent home Primaries, the remaining branch has two home Prim-



Belfast District Primary Daddy Daughter Dinner.

aries. The District Primary presidency is: Sister Ruth Beattie, President; Sister Rachel Nickels, 1st Counselor, Sister Joan Crawford, 2nd Counselor, with Sister Carol Cummings, chorister and Sister Jacqueline Williamson, pianist.

Sister Ashcroft, the current Mission President's wife, has given much encouragement as well as the benefit of her past experience in the Primary work. The Sisters are dedicated to the work, trying to give of their best so that this work will grow from strength to strength with only one main goal in mind, to teach the children of the Belfast District in Ireland to "pray and to walk uprightly before the Lord," with the knowledge that if they succeed in this all other things shall be added unto them.

DADDY DAUGHTER—DINNER

★On January 25th, Belfast District held their Daddy-Daughter Dinner. Over 70 were in attendance. The tables were gaily decorated in Primary colours and a huge snowman adorned the centre of the floor. After a delightful dinner there were toasts to the Dads and Daughters. A special tribute was paid to the Branch and Mission Dads and their Daughters from Rathcoole, Mount Pottinger, Rosetta, Cavehill, Stranmillis and Bangor Branches. The remainder of the evening was spent in fun and games.



Pres. Arthur Webb, Lisburn.

Lisburn Branch

★ The Lisburn Branch was founded in the same town where John Taylor preached the restored Gospel for the first time in Ireland. The branch hall is located on Market Square where President Taylor orginally opened this part of the vineyard.

From humble beginnings the branch has grown to a membership of 68. A recent renovation of the meeting hall has made this gathering of the Saints a pleasant place.

At present the branch presidency is working in cooperation with the proselyting missionaries in developing the proper activities of the various organisations. The Lisburn Branch looks forward to growth for a more complete organisation to help the Saints. Arthur Webb serves as branch president.



Another section of Belfast District Primary Daddy Daughter Dinner.

MOUNT POTTINGER BRANCH

The Mount Pottinger Branch is one of the older branches in Ireland, having been known earlier as the East Belfast Branch. Their first church-owned home was at 13 "The Mount" until the beautiful site at Hollywood Road and Circular Road was purchased in 1959 and a spacious building erected there during 1961-1963. The first branch president to serve in the building was Thomas N. L. Millan.

The branch has continued to grow until at present it has a membership of 600 and is running a full church programme. The present branch president is Robert Kingan, with Samuel S. Leaky as first counselor and Samuel S. McDowell as second counselor. Brother Kingan was baptised in June of 1966 and Brother Leaky in November 1967 and Brother McDowell, August of 1968. All have accepted their responsibility with enthusiasm and are dedicating themselves to the work.



Pres. Robert Kingan of Mt. Pottinger Branch. (Counselors shown on Page 33)

RATHCOOLE BRANCH

★ At one time the Belfast District consisted of only one branch and this was at the Mount. This branch was divided and the Rathcoole Branch was organised in 1962. At this time Brother Arthur Stamp was called as branch president with Alfred Nickles as first counselor. The spirit of the small branch was excellent. The meetings took place in a rented hall in the Rathcoole estate. It was a desire of every member to have a place of their own to meet in. Through the guidance of Mission Pres. Stephen R. Covey, a building was purchased by the Church in Whiteabbey. This is where the saints now meet and enjoy the leadership of Pres. McClelland with Albert McCracken as counselor.



Pres. William McClelland, Rathcoole.



Albert G. Mcracken Rathcoole counselor

HISTORY OF THE ROSETTA BRANCH

★ The Rosetta Branch evolved from the old Belfast Branch, which met at 13 The Mount. The branch was divided creating the East and West Belfast Branches; the former over which John Jude Owens was called to preside. The East Belfast Branch grew so rapidly that it also had to be divided, thus emerged the Mount Pottinger and Rosetta Branches,

The Rosetta Branch was organised under the presidency of Bro. Owens late in 1962. They left the Mount with a membership of 170 some 90 of which were active, to meet in the British Legion Hall at Montgomery Road, Belfast. Because of successful missionary and fellowshipping programmes and the fact that the meeting house was moved to a more central location, the meetings were well attended.

Eight short weeks later saw the Rosetta Branch evicted and re-housed at The Mount because of the anti-Mormon feeling that prevailed in the Montgomery



Rosetta Branch presidency, from left, Robert Andrews, 2nd C; Jos McCallum, clerk. Pres. Dermont Shields, David Stewart, clerk; Samuel Douglas, 1st C.

Road Branch committee of the British Legion. Sharing the Mount with another branch created cramped conditions. The building was inadequate to house either one of the branches and growth was limited. The need for new meeting places was obvious. The saints prayed and the mission, district, and branch authorities worked tirelessly to find a new place to meet. Prayer and effort were rewarded. A most choice plot of land was secured for Rosetta. On it stood a large house surrounded by green, velvety, close-cut lawns, colourful flower beds, and much variety in trees and shrubbery upon which grew all colours of giant flowers. All was enclosed by tidily kept hedges blending in a splendor that touched on the spectacular. The house is called "The Limes" and is beautifully situated part way down the neatly tree lined Annadale Avenue, off the Ormeau Road, Belfast.

The saints rolled up their sleeves and went to work pulling down walls to make a bigger room for a chapel, painting and decorating, rewiring for electrical appliances and fixing ceilings. All this was completed under the technical guidance and practical help of Church Building Supervisor, Stephen A. James, a well respected man who was also a counselor to Pres. Owens. The saints gave thanks for their new home. On the 17th day of March 1963, Rosetta Branch moved into "The Limes" holding the first Sacrament meeting there in this new environment.

President Owens proved to be a great leader. He is still loved and respected by all. The Rosetta membership was many times blessed under his guid ance. However, in February 1966, Bro. Owens was called to preside over the Belfast District and outlying areas and has done so successfully ever since.

The branch was now faced with a change of leadership for the first time in several years. Approximately the first Sunday in March of that same year Samuel J. Douglas was called to preside over Rosetta with William Stewart as 1st counselor, Ronald B. Mayne as clerk; later joined by Joseph C. McCallum as clerk and Bro. Mayne taking the responsibilities of 2nd counselor.

Almost two years later on the 5th day of November 1967, Bro. Douglas was released and Bro. Dermot Sheils was called as president of the branch with Joseph C. McCallum as 1st counselor, Robert H. Andrews as 2nd counselor and George Warren as clerk.

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BANGOR BRANCH

★ The Bangor Branch was first organised in 1948 with Elder Darrell Burnett as president. The foundation members were Dr. John Bleakley former member of the South London Branch, Sister McCurdy (now deceased,) the Kelso family and the Prior family (both families now live in Canada.) The meetings

were held on the first floor above a grocer's shop at 17 High Street until 1957 when the branch moved to its present address 91 Donaghadee Road.

The branch came under local leadership in 1959 when Herbert W. Brookes was called as branch president with Dr. J. Bleakley and Bro. N. Farbus as counselors and Bro. J. Huddleston as clerk. Relief Society sisters were very keen to help the building fund and took a stall in the local open-air market on which they sold homemade bread, cakes and jam. In three months they made £100 profit which they handed over to this worthy cause.



Pres. Peter Ferguson of Bangor Branch and Fredrick H. McKenna, counselor.

M.I.A. entered all the district road shows and were winners on numerous occasions. Christmas parties and pantomimes in which the whole branch participated, were held under M.I.A. to which children from various Children's Homes and Orphanages were invited each year. The transport for the children was provided by the members and each child went home with a present from Santa.

Primary has worked industriously over the years teaching the children the precepts of the Gospel Sunday School has always been strong in the branch and has the best attendance.

Bangor Branch has always been interested in missionary work and over the years has taken an active part in this programme with district and youth missionaries. Two of their young men have filled full time missions and one a building mission.

It has always been their desire to have a building of their own and after many disappointments this now looms happily on the horizon. Under the present Branch Pres. Peter K. Ferguson, they hope to go forward into the future with renewed faith, eager to do the Lord's work.

STRANMILLIS BRANCH

★ Stranmillis Branch situated in South-west Belfast consists of 483 members. They meet in a temporary hall at 32 Shankill Road. David Larmour is President; William Blainey, 1st counselor; James McCall, 2nd counselor. In this Presidency we have a storeman-driver, a cinema projectionist, and a florist.

Stranmillis Relief Society is headed by Saundra Rodgers. It is an active group having an average attendance of eighteen.

At present the M.I.A. meet at the Mount Pottinger Branch due to the limited facilities at Shankill Road.

The Primary Association is run by Sister Mae Rock as president and Sister Mary Sheridan and Sister Carol Cummings as counselors.

There are no genealogical meetings held due to lack of facilities, but Bro. John Holden, with his vast knowledge of genealogical research, is always available to advise anyone interested in this work. Brother Holden is at present preparing to attend the world-wide genealogical convention to be held in Salt Lake City, in August of this year.

Sunday School is under the juris-



Pres. David Lamour, Stranmillis Branch.

diction of the Sunday School Board as the Stranmillis Branch is made up from a large percentage of new members.

Two of the oldest members are Sister Elizabeth Harvey now 83 years old and Brother Theodore Fulton now 85. Bro. Fulton is now in the Musgrave Hospital recovering from a broken hip, but still is vitally interested in the Church and inquires of its progress and success each time he is visited.

Sister Harvey still attends Relief Society when her health will permit. She has been a member of the Church for 60 years, and has seen the Belfast Branch grow from a small room on Ann Street to become two Churches in Belfast and a third one under construction as well as three Branches at present in temporary buildings.



Bro. Theodore Fulton, 85.



Sister Elizabeth Harvey, 83.

Irish Mission

CAVEHILL BRANCH

★ The Cavehill Branch is the largest branch in membership in Ireland with more than a 1,000 members. They enjoy a beautiful new building on the Old Cavehill Road and carry on the full programme of the Church.

The branch is presided over by Pres. Andrew E. W. Gordon, who was baptised in 1966. His first calling in the Church was in M.I.A. and in 1967 he was called as branch president. His wife and four children are also members of the Church. Before joining the Church, Pres. Gordon spent his spare time as a stage entertainer. At a recent district party he brought back memories of the Old Vaudeville Days by singing and doing a lovely soft shoe dance. This talent is a great asset to Pres. Gordon and brings much pleasure to the branch.

The first counselor, Brother Allen Pritchard, settled in Ireland with his wife and two children in August of 1968. They were former members of the Rochdale Ward of the Manchester Stake where Brother Pritchard was a member of the bishopric. Brother Pritchard is an accomplished pianist and an ardent naturalist. He also does paintings as a hobby.

The second counselor is Brother Robert McClure. Brother McClure is a native of Belfast but was baptised in Australia in March of 1964. It was while he was there that he married his bishops daughter and returned with her to Ireland. The branch clerk is Brother John Ogle. He and his wife were baptised in 1966. Although they have no children, Brother and Sister Ogle are father and mother to many of the young members in the branch.



Cavehill Branch presidency, from left, Alan Pritchard, 1C; Robert McClure, 2C; H. C. Adjey, clerk; Pres. Andrew Gordon, John Ogle, clerk.

Brother Andrew Patterson, assistant branch clerk, is a very hard worker at any task that he is given. He was presented with a plaque for working for more than a thousand hours in the building of the Cavehill Chapel.

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Due to subterranean water leak, which seems to have existed for many years unknown to anyone, dry rot and wood worm ensued. This was one of the first of many problems Pres. Sheils was faced with. The house so badly deteriorated that it became unsafe. Pres. Sheils decided, in the face of much opposition, to move the branch out of the house and into the barn and stables at the back of the house. It meant tearing down more walls, rebuilding, putting windows where none had before existed, painting and transferring floor covering. Now even those who opposed Pres. Sheils, appreciate his wisdom. In the midst of all this activity, a building programme was organised and not one of the well run programmes of the Church suffered. The barn is used as a Chapel, the stables and loft used as classrooms, and the people look upon the new building programme as a blessing. Pres. Sheils rallied the support of the members. Since the building of our new chapel started, on the 29th of July 1968 when Pres. Ashcroft, Irish Mission president, turned the first spade of soil at the ground breaking ceremony, Rosetta has kept he monthly financial commitment. If such effort is continued, the new chapel will be dedicated to the Lord in June or July of 1969. The indication is that such effort will continue.

Since its existence, Rosetta Branch has enjoyed much success. It has provided many district board members, district councilmen, district quorum leaders and at one time provided the entire district presidency.

Pres. Sheils still presides but now has Samuel J. Douglas as 1st counselor, Robert H. Andrews as 2nd counselor, Joseph C. McCallum as clerk and David Stewart as assistant clerk. In January 1969, there was a total membership of 284 with about 60-70 active. The large inactivity list has been supplemented to a good extent by the influx of members who have been inactive for some time in the area. Conversely we have lost many active members who have either emigrated or moved out of the area. The branch has auxillary leaders second to none and there is in the branch a particular harmony that is worthy of special tribute.

Northwest Ulster District

President: John H. Tanner
Relief Society President: Izola Tanner
Primary President: Izola Tanner
M.I.A. President: Izola Tanner

★ The Northwest Ulster District of the Irish Mission includes six active branches which, as the name implies, are located in the northern and western areas of the Province of Ulster in the towns of Larne, Antrim, Coleraine, Londonderry, Omagh and Enniskellen. The Londonderry Branch is blessed with a beautiful modern chapel, Larne meets in a Church owned residence and the other branches meet in rented rooms.

The branches at Londonderry and Omagh are presided over by members of the Melchizedek Priesthood and the other branches are under the direction of the travelling elders.

Because of the distances that exist between the various branches, it has not been possible to set up the usual district officers and supervisory boards in any detail. Therefore the district presidency, and those of the Relief Society, Primary and M.I.A. associations function with a president only. There are many fine and faithful members located throughout the district who have been actively engaged in the various programmes of the Church for some time, and they, with the aid of the travelling elders, have seen to it that the various priesthood and auxiliary functions are carried forward wherever possible and the progress of the Church is continuing throughout the area.

PRIMARY AND M.I.A.

★ Three home Primaries and two branch Primaries are held regularly and are well attended by the members as well as several nonmember children.



Pres. and Sis. John H. Tanner

Small M.I.A.'s are held in Coleraine, Londonderry and Omagh and are doing a fine work.

Two individual awards, one special award and one teachers award were recently presented.

Both Pres. and Sister John H. Tanner have served in various capacities in the Church. At the time of their call to the Irish Mission, Pres. Tanner was High Priest Leader and Sister Tanner was secretary to the Genealogical Committee in the Dover 18th Ward. In the years 1923-25, Pres. Tanner served as a missionary in the Leeds and London conferences of the British Mission. They are the parents of two children and grandparents of four.

At the time of their call to Ireland, Sister Tanner, a registered nurse, worked as an assistant in a doctors office. Brother Tanner, retired from a position as traffic manager of the D&RGW Railroad Company, which operates in the states of Colorado and Utah.

Brother Tanner was sustained as district president of Northwest Ulster District on Dec. 17, 1967.

RELIEF SOCIETY

★ Relief Society was organised in the Northwest Ulster District in 1961, and there are presently three organised

Relief Societies in the district. The sisters have held two Christmas bazaars with all branches participating. Although each branch is very small they have regular lessons and Visiting



Katharina White.

Teaching is faithfully done by two branches.

Sister Katharina White, originally from Germany, besides being the district Relief Society president, does Visiting Teaching in both Omagh and Enniskellen with a one hundred percent record. She also teaches M.I.A. in Omagh Branch. Sister White has a boy and girl and has been a member since 1961.

LONDONDERRY BRANCH

★ Mormon missionaries first came to Londonderry early in 1957.

Robert B. Smyth and his young bride were among the first group of converts to be baptised on November 2, 1957. On this date eight were baptised at the "Mount" in Belfast. This is the largest number to be baptised at one time in the history of the branch.

Opposition and persecution was heaped upon these new members as Satan's forces worked against them. However, they went forward, located a place in the City Hotel and started to hold meetings. Instruction was furnished by the members from Belfast under the direction of Robert Deveney. It was



Pres. Robert B. Smyth
Londonderry Branch.

amazing how the ministers found this small group of such importance as to warrant attacks and lengthy sermons against them. But the "Mormons" seemed to expand more quickly and developed a more united spirit when opposed, rather than in times of acceptance.

Slowly, but steadily, the number grew until it was found necessary to have a permanent meeting place. The efforts of W. R. Symth during this period were particularly effective in finding a suitable hall at Saskville Street. A period of consolidation followed, with the development of auxiliaries, until the Londonderry Branch led the Scottish-Irish Mission in activity. It was this group activity which caused the Church officials to choose this branch as a site for a chapel when the building programme was developed.

The period following was a testing one, weeding out the members of weak faith and strengthening those of strong testimony. The 12 months allotted for building the chapel extended to 3 years, but it was eventually completed and dedicated on November 6, 1966, the first chapel dedicated in Ireland.

The expected influx of new members has not materialized yet. None-the-less the active members still remain firm in the belief that God has yet a great purpose and work to do in this part of His

vineyard. The branch is organised under the direction of Robert B. Smyth, assisted by the proselyting Elders. Relief Society, Primary, and M.I.A. are functioning.

JAMES C. APPLEGATE

★ Brother and Sister James C. Applegate were both raised in Southern Utah. They were born in the Church and reared in Mormon communities with L.D.S. children as their friends. Other than the four years Brother Applegate lived in Chicago, they have lived in Utah all their lives. They were married in February, 1928, and then moved to Cedar City. They are the parents of four children, three girls and one boy. They have at present 15 grandchildren.

Brother Applegate worked for the Dixie National Forest 33 years, being in charge of all building and mainteinance of the forest roads. He retired April 30, 1968, and bought a small 18-acre farm to enjoy and keep him busy after retired. He also enjoys carpentry work. He has built his own home and has helped his children by building cupboards in their homes. He served three years as Elders Quorum President and three years as a president of the Seventies Quorum, and was secretary of the High Priest Quorum in the Cedar 16th ward at the time he was called on his mission.

Sister Applegate enjoys her home and flower garden. She enjoys cooking and canning and likes to quilt and sew for her grandchildren. She was president three years and president of the Relief Society, five years. She was president of the Relief Society in the Indian Branch for four years. She was giving the Cultural Refinement lesson in Relief Society and was a visiting teacher at the time they were called to serve in the Irish Mission.

Brother and Sister Applegate have been assigned to preside over the Branch at Coleraine.



Pres. and Sis. James C. Applegate.



Counselors to Pres. Kingan of Mt. Pottinger Branch, (of Page 26) are Samuel Lackey, left and Samuel McDowell.

OMAGH BRANCH

by John Graham

President: John D. H. Graham

1st Counsellor: Robert J. Mitchell

2nd Counsellor: Harold R. K. Graham

Clerk: Thomas L. Hannan

★ In case you should ever come "down our way" I'd like to tell you a little about our branch and a few of the wonderful Saints in it.

For about 20 years I use to go salmon fishing on the River Strule about 4 miles below Omagh. Some 20 yards from the river there stands a little white



Omagh Branch presidency, from left, Harold Graham, 2C; Robert J. Mitchell, 1C; Pres. John D. H. Graham and Thomas L. Hannan, secretary.

washed cottage, this is where I use to leave my bicycle until I was ready to go home. Little did I know then, that in that same little house I would bear testimony that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was restored to the earth, and that Our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ had again visited this world which was made for us. After my wife and I were baptised on June 23, 1962, instead of going to a hall or church building we arrived at this same little house for our first fast and testimony meeting and I shall never forget how happy we were as we cycled home that day on our tandem, everything looked so beautiful.

Ever since that day (when some wonderful power brought me to my feet) I have visited that humble little home very often to talk and discuss the Gospel with the wonderful old man who lives there with his sweet wife, Brother and Sister Moore.

Brother John Moore became a member on December 9, 1910, and has some great memories. He and his wife were sealed in the London Temple October 17, 1910. This, he says, was the "crowning act."

My first counselor is Brother R. J. Mitchell who joined the Church May 22, 1950, and whose wife, Letitia is second counselor in Relief Society and also president of the Y.W.M.I.A.

My second counselor is my brother, Harold Graham, who became interested in the Church after I joined, and was baptised February 2, 1963. He is also a teacher in Sunday School and has a full time job bringing the Saints to all the different meetings and returning them to their homes again in his little car.

Brother Thomas L. Hannan who came into the Church March 13, 1965, was appointed branch clerk in that same year. He also holds the position of second assistant superintendent in the Sunday School. Brother Hannan, a taxi owner, use to drive us to our conferences. We invited him to come in and listen, which he did, so now we have two cars in our Branch, "God does answer prayers."

I am so thankful for my companion who is Primary president and secretary-treasurer in Relief Society, and for my four sons who are all active, also my daughter Hazel who is married to Brother Melvin Radford in Sheffield.

We have only 40 members in our branch but among them are some wonderful brothers and sisters. Our biggest problems are transportation and a meeting place. At present we are thankful to Brother Hannan for the use of his large kitchen, but we know that if we are to "grow" we must have space. Perhaps readers, with your prayers and ours united we will find the place.

Chapel Building

ROSETTA CHAPEL

★ The Rosetta Chapel is now well over 50% completed with a completion date set for June 1969.

The ground breaking ceremony was held on July 29, 1968, and the work has progressed very satisfactorily under the direction of Brother Warren Barber.

Brother Barber has built chapels in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Rhode Island, Florida and England before coming to Ireland. He and his wife have spent six years in the building programme and the people of Ireland are very fortunate in having such a capable superintendent. He not only knows and understands the building business but he and Sister Barber are a great strength to the branch and district. Brother Barber is serving as district councilman and Sister Barber is in the Branch Relief Society presidency.

There are four other chapels in Ireland all of which had their ground breaking ceremonies in rather rapid succession. The Hollywood Chapel was the first to hold the ground breaking ceremonies and the last one to be dedicated with the ground breaking held on August 5, 1961, and the dedication on June 4, 1967. Londonderry then held its ground breaking on September 22, 1962, and was dedicated on November 6, 1966. Portadown held their ground breaking June 14, 1963, and the dedication June 2, 1967.



Bro and Sister Warren Barber.



Pres. Dermot Shields, Rosetta Branch.

The cash payments on the Rosetta are up to date and the labour committment is only about 7% behind. It is hoped the building can be dedicated as soon as completed.

The building is of the Senton type with a seating capacity of a 110 in the chapel proper and the over flow crowd can be accommodated by opening the folding petition into the recreational area.

Branch Pres. Dermot Shields has led the campaign in collecting the funds for the building and also led out in the number of hours spent in its construction. Since its beginning he has averaged more than 60 hours per week and can be depended to be there for a few hours every day.



Kenneth Trotter, assistant building supervisor on Rosetta Chapel.



Londonderry Chapel



Portadown Chapel



Cavehill Chapel



Mountpottinger Chapel

Girl Investigator Lives For Baptism



Marjorie Sealy, a-waits baptism.

★ Marjorie Sealy has been called as publicity director of Youth Activities. She has worked faithfully to send articles and pictures to the Millennial Star for publication.

Marjorie is a student at Bloomfield Collegiate Grammar School in Belfast. She organised a group of her school friends to discuss religion. Each girl has an opportunity to present the views of her church. At the close of the series they will evaluate each religion. She hopes to be able to point out to these girls the truthfulness of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Marjorie is not a member of the Church as yet. She has been active for about a year, and is waiting for permission from her father so that she can be baptised.

Marjorie is organist for Sunday School and Sacrament meeting in the Rosetta Branch. She is also Librarian and is directing the production of H.M.S. Pinafore. They hope to present this as an opening activity in their chapel which is scheduled to be completed in June.



Bertram N. Carville, 1C, Portadown.



Pres. Gordon F. Hayter Portadown Branch

PORTADOWN BRANCH

★ Portadown Branch was organised in 1960 with Bertram M. Carville as president. William J. Braimlee served next, to be followed by Thomas Lee Weir. Gordon F. Hayter is the present branch president, with Brother Carville as his first counselor.

Portadown Branch has a lovely new chapel. It was dedicated just six days after the first service was held there.

They have sent two full time missionaries from this branch and have a thriving Primary and Relief Society.

THE DOUGLAS BRANCH ON THE ISLE OF MAN

★ Missionaries first came to the Isle of Man on 31, August 1962. At that time there were only two Sisters living on the Isle. They had recently moved from England to make their home there. On this date the branch was organised by Pres. Stephen Covey, Irish Mission President. The meeting was held at 52 Alexander Drive, the home of Sisters Katherin Bennett and Dorothy Beels. Those present were Pres. and Sister Stephen Covey and daughter Lindy Lou Covey, Elders Rondin Lew Cannon and Douglas C. Knudsen and Sisters Bennett



New officers of Mt. Pottinger Branch, from left, front, Samuel Lackey, 2nd C; Pres. Roy Jackson; back, Samuel McDowell, clerk; Andrew Renfrew, 1st C.



New presidency of Cavehill Branch, Allen Pritchard, left, counselor; Pres. Robert G. Crawford, Clement Macdonald, counselor

and Beels. Elder Cannon was the first branch president with Sister Bennett as president of Relief Society and Sister Beels as president of the Primary.

The first baptism was Sister Cecillia Walker, on Nov. 8th 1962. She later filled a work mission in London. The meetings were held at the home of the two English Sisters and at Sister Walkers home, until a hall was acquired at 54 Athol street. The first meetings were held there 21 April 1963, and we are still meeting at the same address.

A few members joined the Church and the M.I.A. was organised. These programmes all proved successful. In 1964 the Youth and Assistant Missionary Programme was introduced into the branch. Local members were called for six months to spend as much time as they could assisting the full time missionaries. This proved to be quite successful and a number of members were added to the branch.

A missionary couple, Pres. and Sister Albert H. Price came and worked in the branch during the winter of 65-66. They were endeared to many. After this period the branch Presidency was again held by the Elders.

On Nov. 20, 1968 Elder & Sister Kendall W. Bunker arrived in the Douglas branch and on the 8th Dec. Elder Bunker was sustained as branch president.

At present the branch is going forward with all auxiliaries organised and doing a great work.

At Christmas time the Primary presented a Christmas Programme and party with forty children participating. All but a few of these are non-members who participate in the Primary activities each week.

Dance, Quartet Festival He



Youth chorus singing at baptismal service.



Marjorie Sealy playing piano solo.



Cavehill group, from left, Eleanor McCracken, Harriet Graham, Bessie Prichard, Pat McAteer, Ida Jamison.

★ A Quartet Musical Festival was held at the Holywood Road Chapel early this year. The programme was organised by M.I.A. leaders with Janet Houston, announcer. Each quartet sang two songs one sacred song and one entertaining.

The first quartet was from Bangor. Carol Barlowe, Heather Bleakley, Bobby Bleakley and Pearl Huddleston. The Stranmillis Trio with Yvonne Orme, Helen Fisher, Dirtrie Sevensen had Elder Scott as the accompanist. Heather and Margret Maynes, Jan Warren and Marion Richardson, represented Rosetta. Brother Pritchard of Cavehill Branch played a piano solo. Brenda and Pauline Ward and Jean Guy, made up the Cavehill Trio. Then the Missionary Quartet sang.

Sister Stewart, Rosetta Branch, sang several solos. The Cavehill group consisting of Eleanor McCracken, Harriet Graham, Ida Jamison, Sister Pritchard and Pat MacTeer, then performed. Marjorie Sealey also from the Rosetta Branch played "Moonlight Sonata" on the piano. An inter-branch quartet composed of Heather Morrow, May Nicholl, Janet Houston and Ida Jamison, sang "The Lord My Pasture Will Prepare," and then led the whole audience in actions and singing of "Head and Shoulders."

elp Develop Talents Of Youth

★ Each Friday night during the summer a special activity night was held in the Belfast area. Here dancing and singing were taught. A chorus of 30 voices was organised. They sang in many special meetings, and also travelled to Dublin and Londonderry to sing at their conferences.

At the end of the season a Dance and Music Festival was held on the spacious lawn of "Redhill," the mission home.

They danced before 250 persons including Elder John Longden, assistant to the Twelve, and Sister Longden, long time member of the Y.W.M.I.A. General Board. These young people danced and sang in the first dance festival ever held by the Church in this mission. Dancers from the Dublin M.I.A. joined with the Belfast group for this evening of fun. Fifty-one young people participated.

At the close of the programme the participants grouped themselves to form the letters M.I.A. and sang "Carry On" as a closing number.

Sister Longden told the youth, that they were making "history" for the Irish Mission and that great things were to come from this beginning; things which would develop their talents and gifts and make them strong leaders in ıe Church.



Sister Stewart, Rosetta Branch YWMIA president, soloist.



Youths at District Fireside.



Stranmillis trio with Yvonne Orme, Hellen Fisher, accompanist. Diedrie Stevensen, Elder Stott,

RECIPES FOR YOU



★It has been called to our attention that two recipes published in the March Millennial Star were incorrect. We are including them again this month and hope that you will all try these two delicious recipes sent by Myrtle Twitchell of the Southwest British Mission.

HEAVENLY CHOCOLATE PIE

1 c sifted all purpose flour

¾ tsp. salt

⅓ c shortening

3 or 4 tbls cold water

2 egg whites

½ tsp. vinegar

¼ tsp. cinnamon opt.

½ c sugar

Combine flour and ½ tsp. salt in mixing bowl. Cut in shortening until consistency of coarse meal. Sprinkle water, 1 tbls at a time, over mixture tossing quickly and lightly with fork until dough is just moist enough to hold together. Roll out pastry to fit a 9 inch pie plate. Fit gently into plate. Prick generously with fork. Bake at 450 Deg. F. for 12 min. Until golden brown.

Beat together egg whites, vinegar, cinnamon and remaining ¼ tsp. salt until stiff but not dry. Gradually add sugar and beat until very stiff.

Spread meringue over bottom and sides of baked pastry shell. Bake at 325 Deg. F. for 15 or 18 min. Until lightly browned. Cool. Fill with chocolate cream filling.

CHOCOLATE FILLING

1 6 oz. pck. (1 cup) semi sweet chocolate bits

2 egg yolks

¼ c water

1 c heavy cream

¼ c sugar (Optional: may be omitted for less sweet pie)

¼ tsp. cinnamon

Melt semi sweet chocolate bits over hot (not boiling) water. Blend in egg yolks and water until smooth. Spread 3 tbls. chocolate mixture over cooled meringue. Chill remainder until it begins to thicken.

Beat together heavy cream, sugar and cinnamon until thick.

Spread ½ whipped cream mixture over chocolate layer in pie shell. Fold chilled chocolate mixture into remaining whipped cream mixture. Spread over whipped cream in pie shell. Chill pie at least 4 hours before serving. Make one 9 inch pie.

BROWNIES

Beat together	3 eggs
	1 c sugar
Melt together	
and cool	½ c butter or margarine
	2 squares of chocolate
Sift together	1 c flour
	1 tsp. baking powder
	½ tsp. salt
Add	1 tsp. vanilla
	1 c nuts

Beat together and bake in 350 Deg. F. oven about 20 min.

"The Few"

The easy roads are crowded,
The level roads are jammed,
The peaceful little rivers
With the drifting folks, are crammed.
But off yonder where it's rocky
Where you'll get a better view,
You'll find the ranks are thinner
And the travellers are few.

Where the going's smooth and easy
You will always find the throng
For the many, more's the pity
Seem content to drift along
But the steps that call for courage
And the task that's hard to do
In the end result in glory,
For the never failing few.



One of many murals to be seen in the Visitors Centre at London Temple as viewed by Elders Richard L. Evans, left; Mark E. Petersen and James A. Cullimore, prior to shipment from Salt Lake City. (See story on page 78)

Joseph Smith . . . His Source Of Knowledge

By President David O. McKay

★ One hundred and forty nine years ago Joseph Smith, a mere boy between 14 and 15 years of age, declared that in answer to sincere prayer he received a revelation from God. His declaration was simple, but positive; and he was surprised when men doubted its truth. To him his claim was but the statement of a simple fact; to the Christian world it proved to be a lightning flash that, striking, weakened their religious structure from turret to foundation.

Two important elements in his first message were these: First, that God is a personal being who communicates his will to man; and second, that no creed in Christendom had the true plan of salvation. Indeed, the "creeds were an abomination" in the sight of God; and their "professors" taught "for doctrines and commandments of men having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof." (See Joseph Smith 2:19; read also 2 Timothy 3.)

For boldness of assertion, as an unqualified rejection of prevailing orthodoxy, as a challenge to ministers, this claim of a fair-haired, blue-eyed youth stands without parallel since the days of Jesus of Nazareth. Not even Luther's defiance at Worms is excepted; for his inspired effort at first was only to purify the church of corrupt practices, while Joseph Smith rejected the creeds as unauthoritative and many of their doctrines as absolutely false.



Joseph Smith, the prophet.

The result of this declaration was Joseph's immediate ostracism from the religious world. In a very short time, he found himself standing alone.

Alone—and unaquainted with the learning and philosophy of his day.

Alone—and unschooled in the arts and sciences.

Alone—with no philosopher to instruct him, no minister to guide him.

In simplicity and kindness he had hastened to them with glorious message; in

scorn and derision they had turned from him, saying that ". . . there were no such things as visions or revelations in these days; that all such things had ceased with the apostles, and that there would never be any more of them." (Joseph Smith 2:21.)

Thus, Joseph Smith at 14 was left alone to embark upon the ocean of religious thought, having rejected every known vessel with which to sail, and never having built one or even having seen one built himself. Surely, if an imposter, the bark he could build would be indeed a crude one.

On the other hand, if that which he built possesses an excellence and superiority over that which the learned professors and philosophers had given to the world during the preceding hundreds of years, men will be forced to say in surprise, "Whence hath this man his wisdom!"

It would appear, then, that though he seemed alone , he was alone only as was Moses on Sinai; as Jesus on the Mount of Olives. As with the Master, so with the Prophet; his instructions came not through man-made channels but direct from God, the source of all intelligence. He says: "I am a rough stone. The sound of the hammer and chisel was never heard on me until the Lord took me in hand. I desire the learning and wisdom of Heaven alone." (Smith, Joseph, History of the Church, page 423)

The result of this divine guidance was an assurance of the righteousness of what he taught and a fearlessness in proclaiming it. When Joseph Smith taught a doctrine, he taught it authoritatively. His was not the question of whether it agreed with man's thoughts or not, whether it was in harmony with the teachings of the orthodox churches or whether it was in direct opposition



President David O. McKay.

to them. What was given to him he gave to the world irrespective of its agreement or disagreement, of its harmony or its discord, with the belief of the churches or of the prevailing standards of mankind. It is interesting as well as profitable to know how the advanced thought of today harmonizes with what he taught so authoritatively over a century ago. The guiding spirit of his life was manifest right in the beginning and harmonizes with his wonderful declaration that God had spoken to him. In his own words: "Whatever God requires is right, no matter what it is, although we may not see the reason thereof till long after the events transpire." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, page 256)

His claim to revelation from God, if established, leaves no doubt as to his authority to organise the Church of Christ on earth, and to administer authoritatively the principles and ordin-

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Life Is Eternal

By Elder Spencer W. Kimball
Council of the Twelve

★ Life is eternal. Death does not terminate the existence of man. He lives on and on. Man will be resurrected whether good or evil. His spirit will be reunited with his body from the grave, and if he has perfected his life and magnified his God-given opportunities, that spirit and body will be brought together in a new, fresh, never-ending immortality.

The greatest joys of true married life can be continued. The most beautiful relationships of parents and children can be made permanent. The holy association of families can be never-ending if husband and wife have been sealed in the holy bonds of eternal matrimony. Their joys and progress will never end, but this will never fall into place of its own accord.

The way is well-defined and clear. Eternal marriage was known to Adam and others of the prophets, but the knowledge was lost from the earth for many centuries. God has restored the truths and has provided the way. With the restoration of the Gospel came also the genuine priesthood, and God has given to His prophet all keys, powers, and authorities held by Adam and Abraham and Moses and the early-day Apostles.

Purpose For Temples

God has restored the knowledge of temples and their purposes. On the earth this day are thirteen holy structures built to this special work of the Lord, and each is the "House of the Lord." In these temples, by duly constituted authority, are men who may seal for all eternity, husbands and wives and their children. This is a fact even though unknown to the masses, and it is available as folks acquaint themselves with the need. This is one of the mysteries spoken of by the Redeemer, who taught the multitude in parables, saying:

" . . . I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 13:35.)

These priceless truths are not understood by the casual reader of the scriptures:

"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man but the Spirit of God." (1 Cor. 2:11.)

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (Ibid., 2:14.)

Can Unlock Doors

It is inconceivable that otherwise intelligent, astute, and highly educated people should ignore or wilfully disregard this great privilege. The doors can be unlocked. The gap can be bridged. And men can walk safely, securely to never-ending happiness, making their marriages timeless and eternal.

Explaining the use of parables, the Saviour said:

"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." (Matt. 13:11.)

"For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hear-

ing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them." (Ibid., 13:15)

And then speaking to those disciples who were near Him and who understood He said:

"But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

"For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them, and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." (Ibid., 13:16-17.)

Seek And Search

The Lord knew that those who were sincere in heart and who really wished to know the mysteries of the kingdom would seek and search prayerfully until they informed themselves.

It will be remembered how the Lord answered the hypocritical Sadducees who, trying to trap Him, propounded this difficult problem:

The husband died leaving no posterity, and the wife married his brother who also died without seed. She in turn married a third brother, a fourth, a fifth, a sixth, and a seventh, all in accordance with the law of Moses, and then the woman of the seven husbands died also. Now the frustrating question is:

"In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife." (Mark 12:23.) The Redeemer's answer was clear and concise and unmistakable:

"Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God." (Ibid., 12:24.)

Do You Understand?

And now, we ask you, what does



this mean? The Sadducees were discussing matters about which they knew little or nothing. Was there accusation in His voice? Was he saying to the Sadducees, "Open your blind eyes and see? Open your stony hearts and understand?"

My friends, do you understand the implications and truth of this statement of the Lord? Though somewhat veiled in scripture, it is clear and understandable when supported by modern revelation.

Dr. James E. Talmage writes: "The Lord's meaning was clear, that in the resurrected state there can be no question among the seven brothers as to whose wife for eternity the woman shall be, since all except the first had married her for the duration of mortal life only . . . In the resurrection, there will be no marrying nor giving in marriage; for all questions of marital status must be settled before that time, under the authority of the Holy Priesthood, which

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Things That Affect The Body

By Elder Mark E. Petersen
Council of the Twelve

★ A long time ago I had the opportunity of attending a stake conference at Snowflake, Arizona. While there, we were invited to a dinner which was being held for the Aaronic Prieisthood boys of the stake. It was a memorable occasion. The programme was delightful. Several beautiful numbers were given, one of which was a solo which brought back to my mind a number of wonderful memories. That young man stood up before those four hundred or more boys and sang:

A "Mormon" boy, a "Mormon" boy,
I am a "Mormon" boy;
I might be envied by a king,
For I am a "Mormon" boy.

That song was written by Evan Stephens, and as it was sung, I remembered that as a boy I sang this song also; and I had the opportunity of singing with a large boys' chorus in the Salt Lake Tabernacle under the direction of Evan Stephens. I learned to honour him then, and I loved this song. Let me quote more of it:

My father is a "Mormon" true,
And when I am a man,
I want to be like him, and do
Just all the good I can.
My faults I'll try to overcome,
And while I life enjoy,
With pride I'll lift my head and say,
I am a "Mormon" boy.
A "Mormon" boy a "Mormon" boy,
I am a "Mormon" boy;
I might be envied by a king,
For I am a "Mormon" boy.

About this time my father was my Sunday School teacher, and a little later he became the instructor in our deacons' quorum. I used to honour him as I sang this song. I also remembered my Heavenly Father, and the command which the Saviour gave us to strive to become like Him. And then as I would sing this song, not only would I have gratitude to my earthly father, but to my Heavenly Father, also, and I would sing, "I want to be like Him, and do just all the good I can."

Grow Up Fast

As I listened to that boy in Snowflake sing this song, I thought how often it is that our boys and our girls, when they get into junior high and possibly into senior high, feel as if they are growing up and must put away childish things. It is true that they must put away certain childish acts, but other things which are taught them in childhood are so very important and so basic that all through their lives they must remember them. The message of this song by Evan Stephens is one of them.

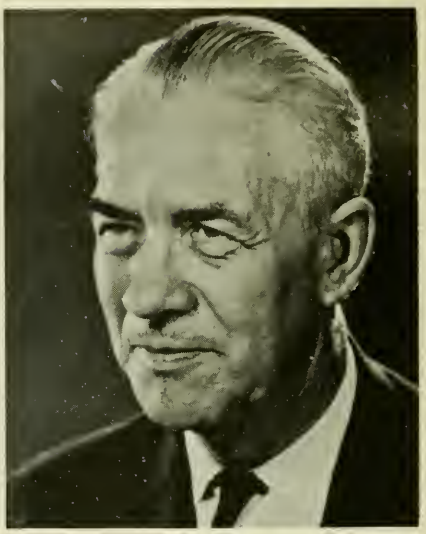
A "Mormon" boy . . .
I might be envied by a king,
For I am a "Mormon" boy.

When I was in school one time, I accompanied the class to Provo, Utah, and went through the institution there for the mentally afflicted. We saw one young man there who had a queer tendency in that he always wanted to be striking himself on the head. I remember as students how we thought this man was so to be pitied because he did not have any more sense than to strike himself on the head.

Which Is Crazier?

As young people we talked about it remembering this man who wanted to strike himself on the head. One of the students then said, "Well, which is crazier, to be batting yourself on the head all the time, or to be taking things into your body that would poison you? Which is worse—to poison your body and defile it, to make yourself intoxicated so that you do not know what you are doing, even losing your self-control, or to bat yourself on the head? Which is the crazier of the two?

Now think in terms of modern science. Think how doctors are discovering, despite the arguments of all the tobacco companies, to the contrary, that you do tend to develop cancer of the lung through cigarettes. Which is crazier, to bat yourself on the head with a stick, or to bring into your body these things that will destroy your body? Which is crazier?



I ask young people, can you see anything childish in this injunction to avoid these stimulants, these narcotics, these intoxicating things, which not only affect your body adversely but will also destroy your spirituality and your faith in God, if you allow them to?

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holds the power to seal in marriage for both time and eternity. (Jesus the Christ, p. 548.)

Saved Covenant

Undoubtedly, the first husband married the woman for eternity by a ceremony which was not limited by time. She became a widow at his demise until she should also die and join her husband. Now, she married brother number two, " until death do you part," and it definitiely parted them even before posterity, and he went into the spirit world through the veil and with no wife, for their contract also had been terminated by death. And brothers number three and four and five and six and finally number seven in turn—all married her in temporary marriage, in which ceremonies were the limitations, "so long as you both shall live." And each terminated what happiness they had had and their promise of future bliss.

How sad! How gloomy!

I knew of one young couple whose promising marriage was ended by a car crash one hour after the ceremony which included those perilous words, "till death do you part."

Civil marriage is an earthly contract, completed in the death of either party. Eternal celestial marriage is a sacred covenant between man and woman consecrated in the holy temple by servants of God who hold authoritative keys. It bridges death; it includes both time and eternity.

Elder Stapley

Word of Wisdom — Signs

By Elder Delbert L. Stapley
Council of the Twelve

★ I testify that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is built upon the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. It does bear His name and does show forth the works of God in it. The Church provides for the temporal and spiritual needs of its people. Its missionaries bear the Gospel message to all nations. It is set up after the organisation of the primitive Church, with prophets, apostles, evangelisits, etc., and with authority divinely bestowed through the priesthood of God to officiate in all the saving ordinances of the Gospel to perfect and exalt man.

We learn in the writings of Nephi that Satan has no power over the hearts of people who dwell in righteousness. The evil and wickedness present in the world today show the power Satan has over the hearts of people, and therefore the promotion of righteousness among men is the important duty of God's servants, and thus they prepare all His children against the days of tribulation preceding the Saviour's coming to earth again.

Nephi Admonished

Nephi again admonished his people:

"For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water; and then cometh a remission of your sins by fire and by the Holy Ghost.

"And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this straight and narrow path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save.

"Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life." (2 Nephi 31: 17, 19-20.)

King Benjamin Counseled

The beloved King Benjamin counseled his people:

". . . I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual; and if they hold out faithful to the end they are received into heaven, that they may dwell with God in a state of never-ending happiness. O remember, remember that these things are true; for the Lord God hath spoken it." (Mosiah 2:41.)

I would plead for faith on the part of the membership of this Church, the faith that is typical of a child, teachable eager to learn, willing to accept and to obey, not blindly, but with understanding. I am pleading with you who have entered into the straight and narrow path through faith, repentance, baptism, and receiving the Holy Ghost, to press forward and worthily comply with every ordinance of the Gospel.

If a man were offered material riches as a reward for years of devoted service no doubt a decision to accept would be promptly given, even though the price to be paid might overtax their strength and undermine their health.

God offers eternal life, glory, exaltation, and the association of Himself and Son as a reward to those who diligently serve Him to the end of their days. He has no greater gift to bestow. Yet, because of the intangible nature of this gift and the weakness of people's faith, they fail to accept and follow the conditions to obtain this state of peace and happiness in celestial glory.

Open Hearts To Truth

If men will open their hearts to truth, the Holy Ghost will stimulate their faith to accept the revelations and follow the counsel of divinely appointed leaders. Faith is a gift from God, to be earnestly sought for. It cannot be the type of faith exhibited by Thomas, who would not accept his fellow workers' word that Jesus had risen and appeared unto them, unless he had the privilege of feeling the prints of the nails in His hands and thrusting his own hand into the side of the Saviour. It cannot be the type of faith of those who seek after signs upon which they might establish faith.

The Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith 136 years ago the Word of Wisdom, the Lord's law of health, showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation of all Saints in the last days and given for a principle with promise. Many have doubted, and by their acts have refused to accept this revelation to be a word of wisdom. The inviting advertising appeal and enticing claims of tobacco interests are listened to and accepted by men and women against their Creator's revealed truth that tobacco is not good for man. But now that science is proving cancer to be linked with tobacco use, many are dropping the habit through fear of this dreaded and often incurable disease. Why will men set at naught the revelations of God about good health habits taught in the Word of Wisdom and



yield to habit-forming products from plants or herbs that are detrimental to their systems or bodily functions?

Drink Brings Disaster

Daily we see the disastrous results of strong drink—accidents on the highways, homes broken, wives and children suffering and in want, oft times deserted and helpless, with no hope to live normal and happy lives. The Lord has said,

"That inasmuch as any man drinketh wine or strong drink among you, behold it is not good, neither meet in the sight of your Father. . . .

"And, again, strong drinks are not for the belly, but for the washing of your bodies. (D&C 89:5,7.)

When these revealed truths are verified by scientific research in the field of health, thus becoming actual knowledge, it makes the faith of the so-called believer appear weak and presumptive, and also clearly demonstrates rebelious attitudes, prompted no doubt by a feeling of restricted freedoms. Of what value is faith if people have lost

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Elder Smith

Testimony Bearing

By Elder Eldred G. Smith
Patriarch To The Church

★ One of the outstanding characteristics of members of this Church is testimony bearing. Nearly all church speeches include the bearing of testimony. This is our mission, as members of the Church, to testify of the truthfulness of the Gospel to our fellow men.

What is a testimony? We speak of it as a valued possession, which it truly is. Webster says it is evidence, proof, a solemn declaration. Then a testimony of the Gospel is your solemn declaration of the truthfulness of the Gospel according to your knowledge thereof.

To have a testimony of God and His Son Jesus Christ can bring about the greatest blessing a member of the Church can attain in this mortal existence. Each blessing is obtained by fulfilling the law upon which that blessing is predicated. The law upon which this blessing is predicated is given extensively throughout the scriptures.

In Matthew we read: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (att. 7:7-8.)

Wonderful Promise

Moroni also promises: ". . . I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

"And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.

"And whatsoever thing is good is just and true; wherefore, nothing that is good denieth the Christ, but acknowledgeth that he is.

"And ye may know that he is, by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore I would exhort you that ye deny not the power of God; for he worketh by power, according to the faith of the children of men, the same today and tomorrow, and forever." (Moroni 10: 4-7.)

What does it mean to knock or seek? This is a way of saying, "It requires effort on your part. " Study, pray, act—do something about it! Knowledge alone saves no one. Lucifer knows, and it is this knowledge which is to his damnation. Without proper action, it can be the same to anyone else.

Personage of Spirit

Moroni said: ". . . by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things." (Ibid., 10:5.) One may ask, "How does one receive a message from the Holy Ghost?"

The Holy Ghost is a Personage of Spirit. We also have a spirit body as well as a mortal body. We were personages of spirit before we came upon this earth.

The Lord said to Job: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

"Who hath laid the measure thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

"Whereupon are the foundations

thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof:

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38: 4-7.)

Are we not the sons of God who at that time shouted for joy?

Abraham also tells us the following:

"Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organised before the world was: and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones;

"And God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born." (Abraham 3:22-23.)

Describes Spirit Body

Before we came on the earth, we were all spirits. What is a spirit? We use the word "spirit" to describe anything and everything, all elements that are not mortal—so we had a non-earthly body. We were nevertheless individuals. We had the power and ability to see, think, act, make decisions. We even took part in that great war in heaven, as a result of which Lucifer was cast out of heaven.

Our spirit body has the same shape and form as the physical body. The spirit body then has arms, legs, a head, and a mind.

When we came to earth, we took upon us a physical or mortal body of flesh and bones. The separation of these two bodies we call death. Through the atonement of Christ these two bodies will be reunited again. This we call the resurrection.

In coming into mortality we forget all from the previous life for a wise purpose in the Lord. In effect, a barrier or veil is placed between the spirit mind and the mortal mind.

I think if we will apply some of the laws of electronics, that is, radio and television, we will be aided in a possible understanding of how we can receive a message from the Holy Ghost. We have a spirit mind and a mortal mind. Our spirit mind can receive messages from the Holy Ghost, who is a spirit.

Holy Ghost

In a room now there are many waves going by of sound, of pictures, and even of coloured pictures. We cannot detect them with our mortal eyes or ears, but if we set up a receiving set and put it in tune, then we pick up the sound or pictures by the mortal ears or eyes. Similarly, the Holy Ghost may be constantly sending out messages like a broadcasting station. If you put yourself in tune, that is, knock or ask or seek, you may receive the message. It may be as if you were to open an imaginary window or door between your spirit mind and your physical mind and permit the message to come through. Spirit can talk to spirit, and you are part spirit—just open that imaginary door and let the mortal mind receive. To open it requires study, prayer, action or works, or knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

There is no salvation with just knowledge alone—for ". . . the devils also believe, and tremble," says James (James 2: 19), then adds, "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (Ibid., 2:20.)

Get that knowledge that you may have a testimony. Knowledge from the Holy Ghost is sure. When it comes to you, you know and cannot deny it. Moroni said: "And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things." (Moroni 10:5.)

Elder Hanks

Teach Children To Walk Uprightly

By Elder Marion D. Hanks
Assistant to the Twelve

★ While the people of Israel were on the plains of Moab, in the last part of the fortieth year of the Exodus, shortly before Moses was taken from them and Joshua led them over Jordan to their promised land, Mose delivered a series of marvelous discourses to the people. He reviewed the experiences and events of the past forty years and admonished and exhorted Israel to obey and appreciate and keep faith with God, who had preserved them as a people through their wanderings in the wilderness from Sinai to Jordan. He reminded them of the magnificence of their blessings at Sinai, repeated for them the Ten Commandments, and said to them:

"And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

"And ye said, Behold, the Lord our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth." (Deut. 5:23-24.)

Pledge Obedience, Loyalty

After bearing this great testimony, the people pledged themselves to obedience and to loyalty. They said to Moses: "Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it."

Moses gave moving response: "And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the Lord said unto me I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" (Ibid., 5:27-29.)

The scripture teaches us that on that occasion Moses "stood between the Lord" and the people to show them "the word of the Lord." So President McKay has stood between us and the Lord to show us His word. Our hearts have responded. Surely many of us have covenanted anew, as did Israel of old: "Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that he shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it." And as we so affirm our faith and sustain our prophet, is there an echo in your heart as there is in mine of the voice of the Lord to Israel?

"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!"

He Wants Our Hearts

The Lord wants more from us than these moving expressions of conviction and covenant. He wants more than expressions of gratitude and testimony and commitment. He wants us to fear Him, to love Him, to keep all His commandments always. He wants our hearts.

In the 64th section of the Doctrine and Covenants is recorded: " . . . I, the Lord, . . . require the hearts of the children of men.' (D&C 64:22. His promise to those who give Him their

hearts is certainly the same as it was to ancient Israel—that we may expect His blessings to be with us always, and with our children.

What a marvelous promise! What a magnificent and moving covenant God has made with us—worth everything—worth our love, our obedience, our faith; worth our hearts.

What really happens when Israel gives God its heart? What happens when men honour their heritage and divine possibilities, love Him and obey His commandments? There were certain humble Nephites not many decades before the advent of Christ who met this test, who, in the midst of affliction and persecution, followed a course and achieved the objective. I read from Helaman, the third chapter, these moving words: ". . . they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and the sanctification of their hearts, which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God." (Helaman 3:35.)

Humble Yourselves

King Benjamin, in concluding his magnificent sermon, pursued the course God has set out for His prophets. He instructed, he enjoined, he reaffirmed, he testified, and he promised. He said to the people: ". . . humble yourselves even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord daily, standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to come, . . . " and "if ye do this ye shall always rejoice, and be filled with the love of God, and always retain a remission of your sins; and ye shall grow in the knowledge of the glory of him that created you, or in the knowledge of that which is just and true.

"And ye will not have a mind to



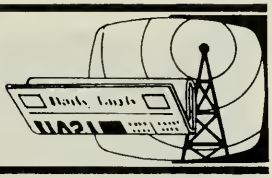
injure one another, but to live peaceably,and to render to every man according to that which is his due." (Mosiah 4:11-13.)

Remember God's promise to Israel? Note this: "And ye will not suffer your children that they go hungry, or naked; neither will ye suffer that they transgress the laws of God, and fight and quarrel one with another, and serve the devil, who is the master of sin, . . .

"But ye will teach them to walk in the ways of truth and soberness; ye will teach them to love one another, and to serve one another." (Ibid., 4: 14-15.)

So have come the marvelous blessings and promises of God. In 1833, in Kirtland, after a great outpouring of the Spirit at a conference held there, the Lord gave to Joseph Smith a revelation we now know as section 90. In it he gave some further counsel relevant to our theme, and a marvelous promise. He said: "Search diligently, pray always, and be believing, and all things shall work together for your good, if ye walk uprightly and remember the covenant wherewith ye have covenanted one with another." (D&C 90:24.)

NEWS



LEICESTER STAKE

★ Gay umbrellas, coloured travel posters, candlelit tables and girls in national costume created a really sunny Continental atmosphere at Woodsetton on February 7th, but outside it looked more like a scene from the film "Dr. Zhivago!" Sad to say, the fierce blizzards and snow drifts which raged all afternoon and most of the evening, prevented the young people's Continental Discoteque from being the success they had hoped for.

Several M.I.A. enthusiasts had begged time off work and their studies during the day to prepare the authentic decor and refreshments, and thought of postponement was pushed into the background just in case someone was keen enough to brave the storm. Happily they were not too disappointed, for about 20 hardy saints beat the cruel weather and despite the setback, it turned out to be a very enjoyable evening.

★ The 2nd Quorum of Elders held a very successful Square Dance on Feb. 27th at the Handsworth Chapel, to which their families were invited. A good crowd enjoyed the gay dances arranged by John Bond of Woodsetton, who acted as compere and caller; the dancing was to records. Winifred Megeney and sisters from the Birmingham Ward were responsible for the refreshments.

★ On 4th March, the Nottingham Relief Society held a stall in the local market, where they did a brisk trade all day and made a profit of £18 for their funds.

45 brothers, sisters and friends joind together for the Relief Society Anniversary Party, where they enjoyed a meal prepared by June Cooper, president; Joan Needham and Gladys Charlton, counselors. Sister Cooper welcomed everyone, and then called on Bishop Albert Green to open with prayer. After the meal Tom and Sue Heszeltine helped everyone to get into the party spirit with games and dancing. The drinks and pieces of birthday cake, which had been made by Diane Madsen, were very welcome after the activities.

★ Twenty-seven sisters and the Birmingham Ward bishopric celebrated the Relief Society Anniversary with a dinner. After the meal the Mission-aires entertained with a selection of songs, then Doris Green gave a short presentation of the lesson, stressing the principle of tithing as an introduction to the film "The Windows of Heaven."

★ Beehive, Mia Maid and Laurel girls, gathered together at the Stake Centre on 22nd March for a combined standards programme. It has been found in the past that evening programmes have meant very late hours for the young girls as they have to travel long distances to Leicester. So this afternoon meeting was by way of an experiment. The results were rewarding, approximately 75 girls and their leaders attended and all the programmes were followed through. Guest speakers included Elizabeth Degville from Woodsetton, Muriel Cuthbert, Birmingham and Diane Madsen, Nottingham.



Leaders and girls at Leicester Stake MIA Standards programme

★ Last month we reported that Wayne Cannon, son of Pres. and Sister Cannon of the Central British Mission, had been representing the Warwickshire County Schools Rugby team. This month we are proud to report that Wayne has now been chosen to play for England. He is at present a member of the Birmingham Ward, and attends the John Willmott Grammer School, Sutton Coldfield. We offer our heartiest congratulations.



Wayne Cannon, school boy international rugby player. (photo courtesy Birmingham Post)

News



Birmingham Ward sisters celebrate Relief Society anniversary at a special dinner.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ Kilmarnock District Primary held their Daddy-Daughter party on Mar 1st in the Ayr Chapel. All present were welcomed by Norman Campbell, District Primary counselor. Games and dancing followed with musical numbers by Norma Campbell, Pres. George N. Kerr, and Kilmarnock Branch Lihomas, with Kilmarnock Dependent Lihomas reciting. Pres. Kerr spoke on the work of the Primary organisation. Ayr Branch provided the food for the party and each child received sweets, which were provided by the Kilmarnock Branch.

★ Walter P. Rush, 1st counselor in the Kilmarnock Branch presidency, is 67 years of age, but recently he personally picked thousands of snowdrops which the sisters then bunched and sold in aid of the Branch Fund.

GLASGOW STAKE

★ Six Ward choirs, a choir of full-time missionaries and the Stake Singing Mothers provided the framework for a most successful Stake Music Festival held in Dumbarton Ward Chapel on March 2nd.

Four hundred and forty three members and friends were entertained for over two hours by a well planned programme of vocal and instrumental music. The Festival was planned and presented by the Stake Music Committee, consisting of Elizabeth MacRae, chairman; Anna Harvey, organist and Marjorie Foote and Margaret Scott, committee members.

★ The stake annual Gold and Green Ball was a "biggest and best" ever. The Drumchapel cultural hall was beautifully decorated with gold and green streamers on the wall and a ceiling with moon and roses to add variety and colour.

Over seventy-five couples enjoyed the evening. The band offered a well balanced programme of dances and all were served sit down refreshments. YMMIA Supt. Peter Cameron and YW Pres. Helen Funk directed the gala evening's activities.

TOP WARD QUIZ—SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

★ After preliminary contests involving all of the M.I.A.'s in the stake the four winning teams competet at Claremont Terrace for the stake trophy. Each ward team was composed of two representatives under 16 years of age and two over 16 and under 21 years of age. The parings for the semi-finals placed Paisley vs. Glasgow/Springburn and Pollock vs. Drumchapel. Glasgow/Springburn and Pollock won the semi-finals and met each other for the championship. At the end of the regulation eight rounds, the score was tied and additional questions were required to determine the winner. Pollock team

finally prevailed and were awarded the trophy.

The members of the Pollock team were Alastair Duddy, Steven Porch, Elizabeth Stirling and Hugh Auld.

The Glasgow/Springburn team consisted of Yvonne Herbertson, Richard Foote, Heather MacRae, and Robert Chandler.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ The Thames Valley District M.I.A. held its Parent/Youth Night on February 21st, when they presented this year's M.I.A. Musical, "Make Mine Happy."

Five af the six branches took part, and the production was jointly run by Margaret Barnes, (District Activity Counselor) and Peter Joyce of the Oxford Branch, with Gillian Brown-Lee at the piano. The excellent scenery was painted by Keith Sorenson, of the High Wycombe Branch. Light refreshments were provided by Oxford Branch,

On March 7th, the District M.I.A. celebrated its night of the year when the Gold and Green Ball was in the Cultural Hall of the Reading Chapel.

About 230 people attended the ball, which was an outstanding success. The hall was beautifully decorated with giant gold wreaths with green rosette centres, made by the High Wycombe Branch M.I.A. From the ceiling hung a canopy of gold and green streamers, and along the edge of the stage were large tissue paper flowers, made by one of the youngest M.I.A. members, Julie Haslem of Reading Branch.

District Y.M. supt. Geoff Browne acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Betty Hunter, 1st counselor in the District Y.W.M.I.A. was in charge of the excellent refreshments.

A brief cabaret was provided by the Oxford Branch M.I.A. and Sister Carbine from Camberley sang a beautiful solo. The music for dancing was by the "Dave Corbett" quintet, and the general verdict was "Smashing, . . . why can't we have one every month?"

CONVERT CONDUCTS OWN PROSELYTING PROGRAMME

★ With the aid of the Elders, Brother T. Porteous Boulton has, at his own expense over the past twenty months, sent out over 1,000 parcels to leaders in all walks of life throughout Newfoundland and Labrador as an aid to missionary activity in Canada's tenth



Bro. T. Porteous Bolton holding the 1,000 th parcel with Elders Monty Stratton (Cedar City, Utah); Heber Andrus and Thomas Rees, (Idaho Falls, Idaho); Blake Smith, district leader, (Phoenix, Arizona.)



Andrew Cullingford, a speech festival winner.

Province. Each parcel contains a copy of the Book of Mormon, a personal letter, Joseph Smith's testimony and the pamphlet "Which Church is right?"

Brother Bolton is a convert. He was baptised three and a half years ago, four days after the Elders first rang his doorbell. Brother Bolton is the District Councilman for Newfoundland and Labrador—Maritime District, New England Mission. By profession he is an Architect and Town Planner.

The first Chapel in Newfoundland and Labrador is now under construction in St. John's, the capital City. Brother Bolton is the Architect.

On his frequent visits to his English country home, near Chequers, Buckinghamshire, Brother Bolton takes part in the activities of the High Wycombe Branch—British South Mission. Two of his Daughters, and his son-in-law, are now in the Church, and are students at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Chelmsford Branch Sunday School held a "Pot Luck" social 21st Feb. Fun games were organised by Henry Hickman, Arthur Rowley and Harold Hunt. The evening was a jolly good get-together for saints and friends.

★ The Essex District annual Relief Society Birthday Social was held at Southend Chapel. The hall was beautifully decorated, and an ample buffet was provided for the 130 people who attended. A large birthday cake, decorated in the Relief Society colours, was cut, and a portion sent to each branch. The evening fininshed all too quickly and was a wonderful success.

★ The Norwich Branch, held their Speech and Quartet Festival in February, and the talks given were of a very high standard as the participants were finalists from their various M.I.A. classes. The successful candidates for speech were:

12-14 age group Richard Curson
15-18 age group Andrew Cullingford
19-29 age group Jenny Reynolds

The "Pop" Quartets were original and very entertaining, but entrance into the Sacred Quartet section was a little disappointing.

A "Five-a-side," Football (Soccer) League has recently been formed in the Norwich District and contains five teams. The top team, having won seven matches out of eight, is a Norwich team which is appropriately called the "89th Section." (named after the section in the D and C. dealing with the Word of Wisdom") The teams' colours are tangerine and white, and its members are; Kenneth Johnson, Captain. Team Trevor Bible, Andrew Cullingford, Alan Webster, James White and Dean Wilson. To raise money for their equipment and dress, the team organised an evening's entertainment on March 1st.

The programme started with skits performed by the "Section," accompanied by Rita Loombe, and then games

of skill were played by the forty who attended. However the main event of the evening was dancing to the "Clowns," a pop group made up of Kenneth Johnson, Trevor Bible, and Dean Wilson. The social was concluded with refreshments.

★ At the beginning of the year Naval Airman Robin Hains, of the Gorleston Branch, flew to Singaphore to join H.M.S Albion. By coincidence quite a number of other members from Gorleston were also there, including John and Angela Bone and their two young daughters, and Keith Blackwell and his wife, all were attached to R.A.F. Stations. Brother Blackwell has since returned home.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

★ The Cornwall District M.I.A. Gold and Green Ball was held on Feb. 22nd at the St. Austell Methodist Church Hall. Forty saints enjoyed themselves dancing to the Clavatones Band and partaking of the refreshments.

★ Derrick N. Harris and Charles G. Harris have been awarded their Duty to "God" awards. The first two young men in the Helston Branch to receive them.

★ On a recent Saturday a barbecue dinner was held at the Poole Chapel for members and friends of the South Costal District. The meal was served inside the Chapel unfortunately owing to the inclement weather.

Highlights of the evening included an eating competition, a fine cabaret and also a performance of the South Coastal District Roadshow by the members of MIA.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Banbury Branch Relief Society celebrated the 127th Anniversary of the organisation of Relief Society by holding a branch family Home Evening on March 14th, at the Banbury Town Hall. The evening began with a pot luck dinner, followed by entertainment provided by almost every family. Songs, dramatisation of Daniel in the Lions' den, ballet, trumpet solo, a ventriloquist act were some of the activities. Five talented sisters then presented the play, "A touch of Heaven."

Bonnie Kapaska, the former R.S. president was given a Relief Society pin for the wonderful work of building up the society during her calling. She will soon be leaving for America.

★ During February, Banbury were proud to report that they reached 100% with their Home Teaching programme.

★ Daddys and Daughters began arriving at the Chase home, Banbury, on Feb. 17th dressed in Western and Pioneer attire for the beginning of a fun filled evening on their special date social. There was food, games and entertainment supplied by the daughters. Carol Gibbs won a contest for the best original costume, in a blue-checked pioneer frock that she had made. Altogether ten people were present for this programme directed by Marge Giles.

★ Sisters, (some accompanied by their husbands) from Lincoln, Huntingdon, Grantham and Corby attended the Midlands East District Relief Society Anniversary Dinner at Lincoln on March 15th. On arrival about 40 sat down to a wonderful meal, which had been prepared by the sisters from the Lincoln Branch. After dinner the Huntingdon sisters gave an excellent presentation of the play "A Touch of Heaven." Although many of the sisters had travelled long

distances, they all agreed that it had been worth the effort, for the evening was most inspiring with a wonderful spirit of fellowship.

★ At 7 p.m. on February 15th, an Elders Dinner and Dance was held at the NORTHAMPTON Chapel. The catering was done by an outside firm, so that everyone was free to enjoy themselves. A band from Rugby provided the music for dancing, and 68 people made the most of every moment. Guests included Pres. and Sister Cannon, Pres. and Sister Thorpe and also Brother and Sister Hollingsworth who had just arrived from Salt Lake City to start a mission in this country.

The last week in February meant "Finda Memba Week" for NORTHHAMPTON. As soon as the week began a cold and flu epidemic hit the branch, but despite this setback the saints tracted all the areas of the town. At the social on March 1st there were 40 investigators present, not counting children, and the following Thursday, special Home evenings were held by members in their homes for investigators to visit. The Elders are confident of at least four baptisms in the near future.

★ Competing in the Mission Basketball final against Lincoln, Hereford found themselves a player short, so called upon their branch president to turn out for them. They won handsomely by 46-6, and Pres. Burton was certainly happy to be on the winning side, especially when he received a certificate for "Successful Participation in Boys Basketball." He reckons he is some boy at 49 years of age!

A satisfying end to an "Eternal Values" evening held by the Hereford M.I.A. was a birthday celebration for two M.I.A. stalwarts, Geoffrey Boucher and Graham Burton. Both of these brethren share the same birthdate and are the same age. Also included in the celebration was one of the proselyting missionaries, Elder Duckworth, whose 20th birthday was a few days earlier.

The branch Music Festival proved to be a most enjoyable evening. Organised by Mary Gorman, the branch organist, musical items ranged from Pop through Folk to Beethoven, and also included music composed by Dr. Alexander Schreiner, Salt Lake City organist.

LONDON STAKE

★ Gleaners and M. Men of the Stake assembled at Luton Chapel on March 8th for a day of activity organised by the GLEMM Council of the Stake, under its Pres. Evelyn Morton, and leaders Frances Craven and Geoffrey Willmott.

The day began with minor games, potted sports and trampolining at the Luton Youth Centre, under the direction of David Cook. After such an energetic morning the lunch provided by the Ward Relief Society sisters was much appreciated. During the afternoon there was a session on drama by an advisor from the local youth service. This was followed by an hour's music appreciation, conducted by Pauline Doggett, which included brief excerpts from a range of recording David Fletcher then led the group in creative drama, and the afternoon ended with art, under the direction of Nicky Kirby.

In the first part of the evening an inspiring Eternal Values programme was held, it was conducted by Bishop Monitor C. Noyce of Luton Ward, and the main speaker was Bishop Vance Leavitt of North London Ward. Other speakers included Karen Oswell, a gleaner, and James Miller, a Master M. Man. Mar-

garet Smithe sang a solo.

The day closed with a dance organised by Marquita Leavitt.

★ Catford Branch Chapel pounded to the strains of the "Virginia Reel" on 21st February, as both young and old members alike socialised at a "Western Evening." Their own Jim Corless, John Wilkens and Barbara Jeffrey gave their interpretation of American Folk music, whilst missionary Elders Swinton and Gebbraith from Canterbury gave a lesson in folk music.

The sisters of the branch pledged to make pastries, darn socks or launder clothes, and these pledges were auctioned off to the eager brothers, much to the amusement and delight of everyone.

Planned by Barbara Jeffrey and run by members of all the auxiliaries the evening was a resoundinig success, but they would still like to know who pledged to complete the new extension!

★ On February 28th, under the direction of President James G. Haisell and his counselors, the First Quorum of Elders of the London Stake held a special dinner at Epsom Ward Chapel. This was designed as a missionary tool-an informal evening to which each Elder was invited to bring a non-member friend or family. The aim was to project an image of Mormons at leisure, to present an opportunity for Mormon doctrine to be aired in a friendly and informal manner so as to build up an impression of Latter-day Saints in the minds of outsiders as ordinary. everyday people like themselves.

The evening began with a splendid four course meal, ably prepared by Victor Cooper, a professional caterer. This was complemented by a short but enjoyable cabaret, consisting of a polished dance routine, presented by Don and Susan Bartholomew, followed by the antics of a highly amusing "Tame Animal Keeper" in the guise of Derek Ramsey.

After introductory remarks by Stake President, Joseph Hamstead, the proceedings continued with the showing of the film "Man's Search For Happiness" which was extremely well received, by members and non-members alike. Indeed, several non-members afterwards intimated a desire to see the film through again on the spot.

A highly successful evening-obviously, nothing but good can result from such missionary ventures as this Elder's Dinner, and it is hoped that other wards and stakes may feel prompted to emulate the praiseworthy efforts of the London Stake's First Quorum.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ Twelve wards in the stake presented their Road Shows to a Full House on March 15th. The theme "WHO'S FOR . . . ?" or "WHATS FOR . . . ?" proved very popular and gave plenty of scope for imagination. They were transported to China, Spain, tropical islands, sheikdoms and even the moon; back in time to Camelot and up to date with the dilemma of finding a dancing partner, an operation hazard and protesting militant groups.

The judges, Sister E. McElderry, S. Gizzie and Bro. G. McNee, had a difficult task selecting the three best, but their decision was first SOUTH SHIELDS, whose lively colourful journey to fairytale land had all the true Road Show qualities. Second: GATESHEAD with "Who's for Horror" which was quite a contrast, being set amongst tombstones, but full of movement and interest. Third: NEWCASTLE seeking more recognition for wives in "Who's



Sunderland Ward's Road Show, "Who's For the Moon?"

for protest?" which was well handled.

Each was presented with a Road Show Award by Stake Pres. F. W. Oates, and REDCAR, who have had less experience in such shows, were also commended for a fine performance which placed them only 1 point behind the winners. The Show was under the direction of the Stake Drama Director Marjorie Marsh, and Y.W.M.I.A. Pres. Anne Ingram acted as time-keeper. Sis. S. Smillie and Brothers Marsh and Hodson also assisted with music, lighting and continuity.

★ BILLINGHAM Ward Relief Society Birthday Party was held March 17th, and members of the society attended with their husbands. Some of the sisters presented the play, "St. Peter and the Relief Society", for the benefit of those who did not see it when it was performed for the Stake. Games followed organised by Christine Amos, and a delicious buffet supper. followed.

★ DARLINGTON Branch held their Relief Society Birthday Party on March 8th, or so a certain couple from Salt Lake City, namely Pres. and Sister Hardy, thought. It was in fact a combination of Birthday Party and a Farewell Party for this happy couple on the completion of their two year mission. On entering the meeting house, everyone felt the atmosphere of a happy secret. A welcome was given by Relief Society Pres. L. Terrell, then the time came to hand over to Bro. Terrell, who explained the real reason for the party. The members presented Pres. and Sis. Hardy with gifts of Wedgewood Pottery to show their appreciation for the work done and help and guidance they had given.

A very satisfying meal followed, after which those with enough energy played games. Further entertainment was provided by the members in an impromptu concert and everyone was amazed at the talent to be found in such a small branch. To round off the evening Pres. and Sis. Hardy cut a delicious cake, made by a member and iced the "Stars and Stripes". A further gift of a beauti-

ful gold bracelet was presented to Sister Afton Hardy, for her work as Stake R.S. president, by Sis. I. Fenwick on behalf of all the Stake Relief Society sisters. Other guests included Stake Pres. and Sis. Oates, and members of the Newton Aycliffe Ward

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CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ December 26th—To Kenneth and Maria Biggs, Ispwich Branch, British Mission a son, Alan Richard.

★ January 8th—To Graham and Crystal Pearce (nee Bowe) St. Austell Branch, South West British Mission, a son, Graham Thomas James.

★ January 12th—To Raymond and Margaret Sparham, Gorleston Branch, British Mission, a son, Martin.

★ January 13th—To Christopher and Elaine Canlett, Leeds Ward, Leeds Stake, a son, Royce Adrian.

★ January 17th—To John and Mary Raeburn, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mission, a son, Ewan Somerled Archibald.

★ February 11th—To John and Isabelle Donaldson, Aberdeen Branch, Scottish Mission, a daughter, Donna.
(When Bro. and Sister Donaldson marriage was reported in the Star a few months ago, we regret that we neglected to print the date, which was March 1968.)

★ February 22nd—To Gordon and Jeannette Laurie, Hartlepool Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Rachel.

★ March 3rd—To Jim and Catherine Hinds, Kilmarnock Branch, Sottish Mission, a daughter, Tracey Ann.

★ March 12th—To David and Katherine Olson, Stevenston Branch, Scottish Mission, a son, Scott Mills.

★ March 16th—To Robert and Margaret Clark, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mission, a son, David.

ENGAGEMENTS

☆ Dean Sargent of Bellahouston Ward, Glasgow Stake, to Moria Finnie of Stevenston Branch, Scottish Mission.

☆ Melvin D. Hudson and Marion A. Sparkes, both of the Gorleston Branch, British Mission.

☆ Norman Myers of Newscastle Ward to Jennifer Jones of Gateshead Branch Sunderland Stake.

★ Norman Ian Newill to Geraldine Gough, both of Leeds Ward.

★ Malcolm Staccy and Pam West, both members of the Watford Branch, British South Mission.

WEDDINGS

★ The wedding of Susan Carvell and Delwyn Richardson, both of the Middlesbrough Ward, took place on 25th January in the ward chapel. The bride wore a long white dress with a lace-trimmed coat and train, and was attended by Brenda Howe, Mary Clementson, Ada Cupryna, Gwynneth Csrvell (Brides sister) Mary Leopald and Lynn Hunter. The bridesmaids wore long red velvet dresses, which added a warm note to the cold January day. The cake was cut in the hall adjoining the chapel, and the couple went on to a small reception at the Roundel Hotel, Thornaby. They will now live in Redcar.



John and Dianne Fenwick who were married at York Chapel in January.



★ William Adair and Frances Begg were married by Bishop Orval P. Mortensen of the Drumchapel Ward.

★ Derek Ramsey and Elspeth Mazenaur of Epsom Ward were married on Saturday Nov. 23rd 1968, they attended the Temple later the same day.



★Ian Ross and Rebecca Rogers were married by Bishop Andrew MacRae of the Glasgow/Springburn Ward on January 18th. They later travelled to the temple.

OPEN HOUSE

★ On the 16th of February an Open House was held at the "Well House", the mission headquarters of the South-west British Mission. Special invitations were sent to businessmen and women who serve the mission in the course of a year. Office supply companies, barbers, travel people, and other interested people came to hear about the Gospel.

Sister Bradshaw's office was decorated with Relief Society materials. Sister Vera Ireland, Sister Myrtle Twitchell, and Sister Marie Bradshaw explained to investigators the important roles of womanhood in the world today.

Sister Bernice West, the mission Y.W.M.I.A. president had displays in



Sister Bernice West explaining about the M.I.A.

President Bradshaw's office and talked for hours with people very effectively on the vibrant youth programmes of the Church.

Sister Mary Nowlan of the mission Primary Board took part of the dining room to set up colourful and decorative displays depicting the wonderful programmes for children. The other part of the dinning room was filled with Book of Mormon displays including a large map of the world and replicas of the Golden Plates and Scrolls. The living room had displays which explained the apostasy and restoration of the Gospel. It turned out to be a wonderful way to introduce people who do business with the "Mormons": just what the Church is all about.



Sister Vera Ireland and Sister Marie Bradshaw with the Relief Society displays.

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ances thereof. Thus at the very inception of this great latter-day work was laid the immovable cornerstone of Christ's Church in this dispensation; that is, the authority to officiate in the name of Jesus Christ in things pertaining to his Church.

The harmony of Joseph Smith's teachings with those taught by the Saviour and his apostles; the reasonableness of his assertion that men must be called of God to officiate in things pertaining to God; the complete organization of the Church: its government, laws, and wonderful adaptations to the needs and to the advancement of the human family—these and many other phases of this great latter-day work, when even only partly understood, lead thinking persons to ponder upon the stories of the prophet's wisdom.

The marks of his influence upon religious thought are manifest on every hand; and whether men acknowledge it or not, the light that came from heaven over a century ago is dissipating the darkness that has enthralled the minds of men for ages.

When we look through the vista of a century and a half and see the boy prophet standing alone in the midst of a tempestuously religious world, declaring that God had spoken to him and that there was not an authorized Church of Christ upon the earth; when we know that to make good his claim, he must give to the world something superior to that produced by the philosophy of the ages and the best wisdom of man; when we realize how impotent he was to do this if dependent alone upon his own learning and wisdom; we cannot help but conclude, since he has given to the world something which stands today in brilliancy and sublimity superior to anything proclaimed by human wisdom, that surely he was indeed the Chosen Prophet of the latter-day.

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their privilege to exercise it? Can God be pleased with people of little or no faith?

Type Of Faith

Listen to the words of Alma:

"Yea, there are many who do say: If thou wilt show unto us a sign from heaven, then we shall know of a surety; then we shall believe.

"Now I ask, is this faith? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for if a man knoweth a thing he hath no cause to believe, for he knoweth it.

"And now as I said concerning faith —faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if ye have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true." (Alma 32:17-18, 21.)

And this is the type of faith that Latter-day Saints should have, and recognize that scripture is from God, revealed through the Holy Ghost for the blessing and for the good of God's children, and being our Creator, certainly He would not give us any principle or reveal any truth that was not for our good.

"My Son Is A Mormon

★ "I have just read your article of the 'Pestering Mormons' in the Corby Leader (February 21), to which you gave a front page spread."

So began the letter of a father to the editor of the Corby Leader. The letter was in answer to that "front page spread" headed, "Pestering Mormons Under Fire."

The newspaper story quoted an urban councillor and a vicar speaking out viciously against "young American Mormons".

Mr Jack Stevens, the councillor, "has called for a stop to their onslaught on unsuspecting people' in the town.

Mr. Stevens accused the Mormons of "applying the 'hard sell' to Christianity" His attack has been backed up by the Rev. Ted Bale, Vicar of St. Peter and St. Andrew on the towns Beanfield Estate.

"He said 'They are more difficult to get rid of than a door-to-door salesman or an encyclopedia salesman,'"

Mr. Stevens claimed that once inside homes "they (the Mormons) were very persistent and it was very difficult to get rid of them."

Mr. Bale told his church followers that the Mormons were not members of the World Council of Churches "because of their 'outrageous' beliefs." He further said "The Mormons are plausible and dedicated. I cannot help but admire their enthusiasm—but far from the Christian faith." . . . they are very enthusiastic and dedicated."

We reprint herewith the letter to the editor.

"MY SON IS A MORMON—AND PROUD OF IT."

"I have just read your article of the "Pestering Mormons" in the Corby Leader (February 21), to which you gave a front page spread.

"I am a Scotsman born and bread. I was married in the Church of England during the last war, while in the Indian Ordnance Dept., to a Military Nursing Service Sister when we were both in service in India. We are the parents of one of your 'Pestring Mormons.'

"Both my wife and myself are still C of E, but we both believe in religious freedom, of thought and speech, and the right for every man and woman to make up their own mind as to religious beliefs and paths they wish to follow.

"The 'Pestering Mormon,' my eldest son, Robin, was brought up and went to a council school here in Paisley. He served his apprenticship as an engineer here too. Aye, and like any other robust schoolboy, I've known him to come home sporting a shiner.

— and Proud Of It"

"Not that he was a troublemaker, but he didn't run away from it and lots of times it was in defence of his younger brothers or sister.

"During his teens he could have gone like so many teenagers and run with a gang, but he was a lover of sport, full of life, always ready to help, bubbling with laughter and always saw the funny side and the bright side of life

"My son turned to the Mormon religion, was baptised into that faith, gave up smoking, stopped drinking tea, coffee and settled himself down to live up to the beliefs he had in the religion of his choice.

"He brought his Mormon friends to our home, both Scotch and American. He tried to convert my wife and I to the Mormon faith, but my wife was too strong and rigid in her ways of the C of E, and I was fond of my smokes, pints, tea and coffee. For another thing, I would have found the Mormon faith too hard to live up to.

"Robin, like most young men, wanted to see a bit of the world, so he saved up and with our blessing set off for Alberta, Canada, knowing that if it was not to his liking he could always come back to his home in Scotland.

"He had his tough times, but we didn't know about them until much later. However, he made good and stuck rigidly to his faith. Then he decided to go on a mission for two years for the Mormon Church. He didn't know where but his Church decided to post him to the Central British Mission in England.

"He's among you in Corby. He loves you, and he has told us in his letters home how really heartwarming the people of Corby are and that quite a big percentage of the Corby population are Scots, or of Scots descent.

"Slam him, slam my son Robin, in your newspapers, but remember, even the Son of Man was held to ridicule for preaching to the people His own beliefs, but He was never shaken or turned away."

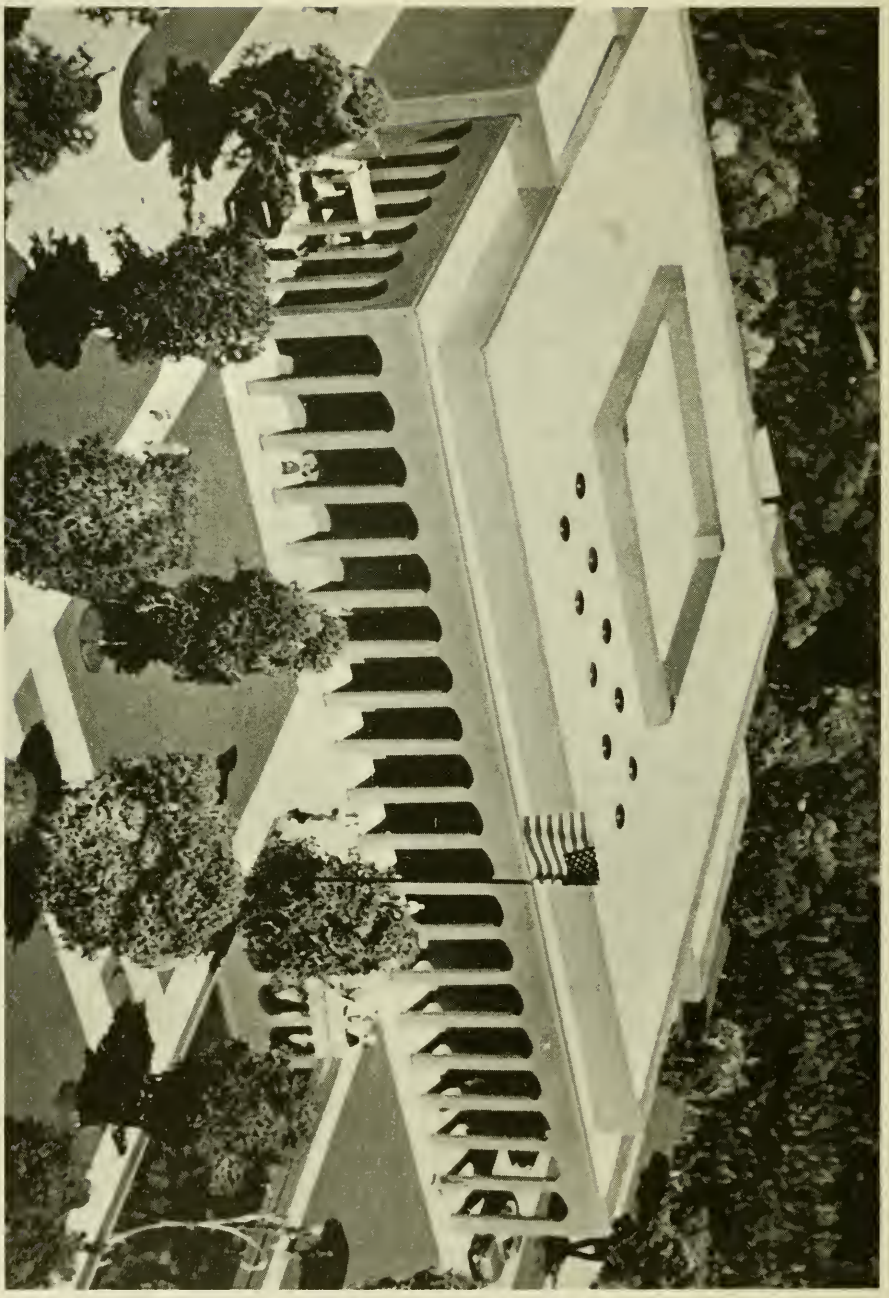
Signed

James McFarlane Crawford,

3 Mannering Road,

Forbar, Paisley, Renfrewshire.

(Editor's Note: Thank you Mr. Crawford for that very fine letter. We are proud of your son and his desire to serve His Heavenly Father. We pray His blessings upon your son in his great missionary proselyting assignment and also His blessings upon you, Elder Crawford's parents. There is no need for further comment, the letter speaks for itself.)



Nauvoo Visitors Centre

Nauvoo—The Beautiful

Visitors Centre To Rise On Historic Temple Site

★ A further step in making historic Nauvoo, Illinois, a noted tourist mecca was taken with the recent announcement of construction of a new imposing two-story Visitors Centre scheduled to begin this summer.

Dr. J. LeRoy Kimball, president and chairman of Nauvoo Restoration, Incorporated, a non-profit corporation sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said ground breaking is scheduled for May 24, with prominent national and Church officials participating.

The two-story structure, 155 foot square, will be constructed in red brick typical of other buildings of the Nauvoo period. It will be on a 16 acre plot at the intersections of Main St. and Young, Partridge and Hibbard Streets.

Planned for the new Visitors Centre will be two theaters, a large library of data about Nauvoo, a lecture hall, lounges, and administrative offices, all designed to tell the historic story of the founding of Nauvoo by the Mormons in 1839. Many of the activities of the Saints in Nauvoo period of 1839-1846 will be recorded for tourists.

"The new Visitors Centre will be on a site which provides a panoramic view of the restored community and the Mississippi River as it winds around the knoll the city is built on," says Dr. Kimball.

"In the Nauvoo Visitors Centre we will orient the tourist to the city and show him a 30-minute film about Nauvoo and its history. After the film the visitors will board buses which will take them to the points of interest throughout the city."

Plans for the new Visitors Centre were drawn by Steven T. Baird, Salt Lake City architect.

Also under consideration is a partial restoration of the Nauvoo Temple on the original temple site. When it was completed it was one of the most imposing structures in America. The partial restoration is planned for the near future.

Dr. Kimball said he envisions eventually construction of a Nauvoo Temple Square similar to the famed Salt Lake Temple Square.

Nauvoo is expected to attract nearly half a million tourists a year by 1974, he said. Nearly 150,000 visitors registered there last year.

Dr. Kimball explained that the new Visitors Centre will greatly increase the tourist potential of Nauvoo, which will in turn, provide opportunity to tell the story of the Mormons who built up the city under the Prophet Joseph Smith. At the peak of Mormon activities there, Nauvoo was the largest city in Illinois, and one of the twenty largest in the United States.



Patrice Anderson, violinist, of Hyde Park Ward.



Organiser Gillian Goldthorpe, soprano, of Hyde Park Ward.

Hyde Park Ward Concert Fills Dual Purpose

Story by Alice Hudson
Photographs by Malcome Fielding
(Both recent converts in the Hyde Park Ward)

★ The "Golden Talent" classical music evening held recently in the Hyde Park Chapel was so well attended that seating was extended into the Cultural Hall for the 600 or more people present.

Purpose of this night was to invite investigators and others interested in the Church to a social event wherein they might meet the members and the missionaries. We hoped that by enjoying themselves, these people might wish to come again and feel welcome in our company.

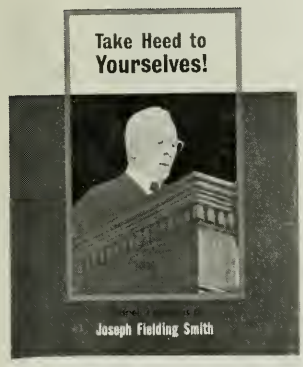
There were fourteen items on the programme, and to perform them were artists from the B.B.C. Chorus, The Royal Academy, The Royal College and the Guildhall School of Music, including members of the Ward, Gillian Goldthorpe, Harry Lyddall and Patrice Anderson, and Pauline Doggett from London Stake.

The performers were excellent, and gave us a most professional programme with a good mixture of talent. Even the

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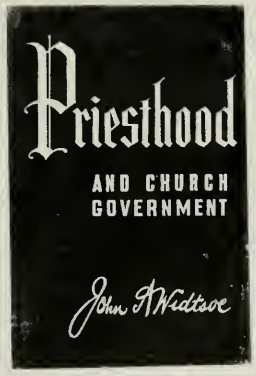
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youngest performers illustrated their talents with no obvious lack through less experience or years. They all intergrated really well with their individual pieces to give a well-balanced diet of music, and Brother Frank Paterson did an excellent job as compere, with a gentle touch of humour and not too many words! As such evenings are fairly unusual for people such as myself, it was very refreshing to hear what my seniors call "real music"!

This was one of the biggest events that any single ward has attempted, and a great deal of work went into the production, its success must have been a great reward to those who participated. Gillian Goldthorpe was in charge. She had many helpers who were both young in years and as members of the Church, and this is just one indication of how young people in this Ward are encouraged to be active. One young lady helper isn't even a member yet!

After the programme a film was shown called "Man's Search for Happiness' for the benefit of "all those visitors who are not of our persuasion and who wished to know more about us," as Bishop Bateman put it.

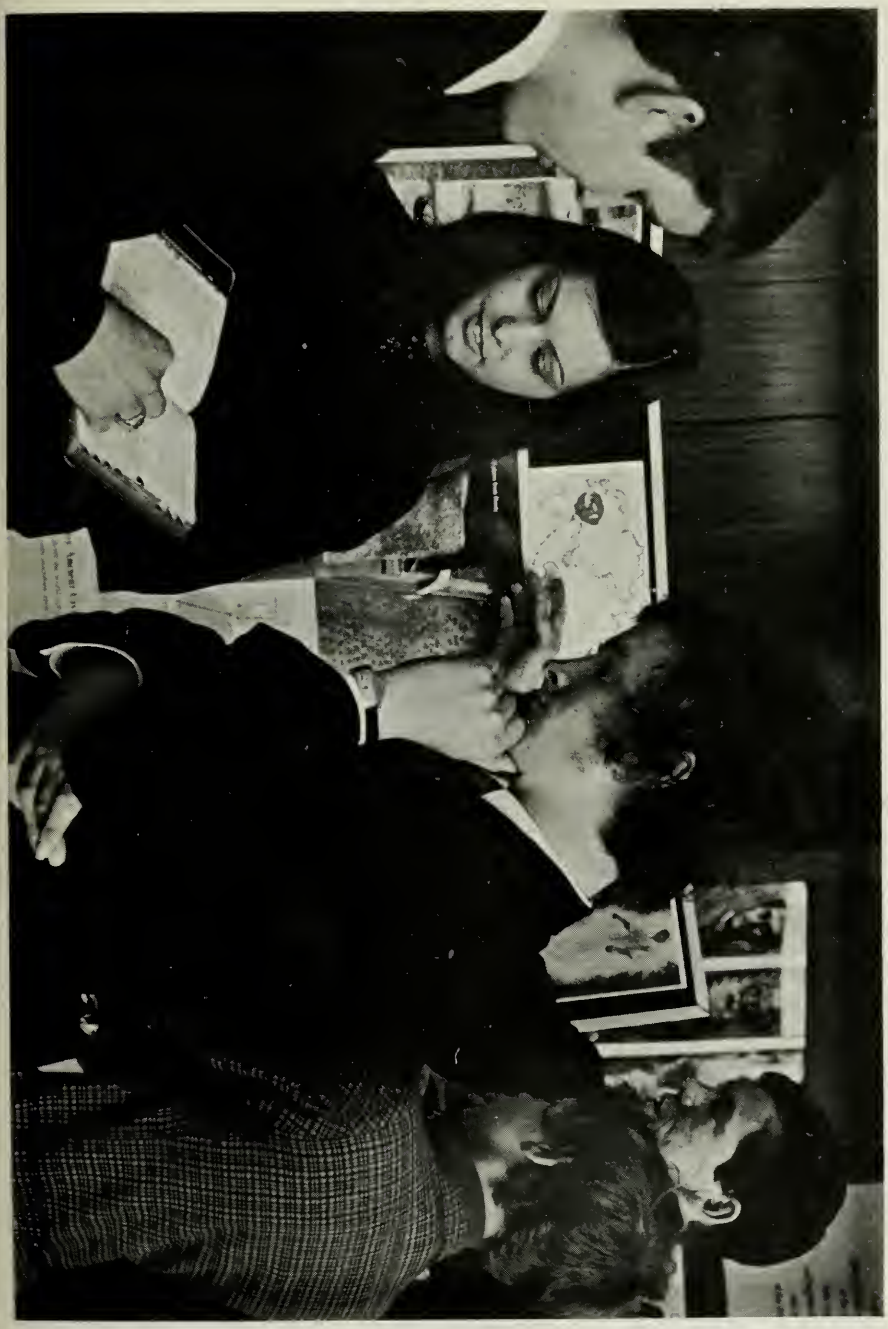
Even though it was a completely cultural evening, I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I know that many of the other members of the audience did too, both by their remarks afterwards, and from their applause at the end in full appreciation of the artists' and organisers efforts.

Church Planning August World Conference On Records

★ In August The Genealogical Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host a World Conference on Records and Genealogical Convention and Seminar. Archivists, librarians, historians, genealogists, microfilmers, demographers, sociologists, medical scientists, government agencies, and others who are interested in the protection of the world's vital records are being invited to speak.

Members are invited to attend this convention which is being held during the Diamond Jubile Year (75th Anniversary) of the Genealogical Society. It will be held August 5-8 in the Salt Lake County Civic Auditorium (Salt Palace). The Genealogical Society was founded 19 November 1894.

The theme of the World Conference on Records is "Records Protection in an Uncertain World". The Genealogical Society, with its accumulated experience in records-gathering and protection, has assumed the leadership and responsibility in bringing these people together for this purpose. Seminars on archival, historical and genealogical subjects will be held concurrently where scholars, researchers, and interested amateurs will gather to present papers and exchange ideas on all types of problems.



Elder Benson teaching the Gospel during Hyde Park Ward open house.

Couple Named To Direct London Temple Visitors Centre

★ Brother and Sister O. David Merrill who will be in charge of the beautiful new Visitors Centre at the London Temple have now assumed this responsibility, familiarizing themselves with the temple area and the Centre. The new building is practially ready for the dedication which, it is believed, will be held in the near future.

Brother O. David and Sister Ruth Perkins Merrill were both born in southern Idaho, she at Montpelier and he at Preston.

On graduating from the Utah State University in 1923, he was called as a missionary to Great Britain, serving the major part of his mission in the Sheffield area. He also served in Dublin and London.

After their marriage in 1927, they lived for fifteen years in Salt Lake City Utah, where two of their three children were born. In 1944 they moved to Richland, Washington and in 1946 ,to Wilmington, Deleware. His employment took them to northern New Jersey in 1954 and on his retirement from regular employment in 1967 they returned to Salt Lake City, Utah.

During their residence in Utah he has served as assistant Sunday School superintendent, stake Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent, chairman of the ward geneological committee and assistant High Priests group leader. He was a counselor in the branch presidency at Richland, Washington, president of the Wilmington, Del. branch, member of the New York Stake High Council, first bishop of the Caldwell N.J. ward and High Priests group leader in that ward.

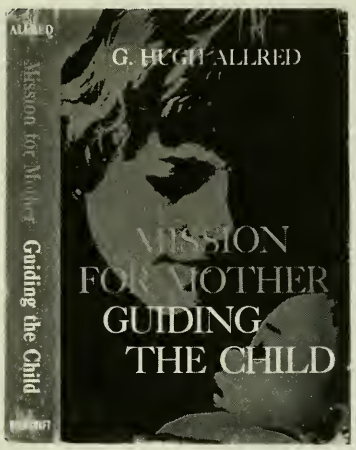


Bro. and Sis. O. David Merrill, directors, Visitors Centre at London Temple.

Sister Merrill has been a teacher in the Relief Society on several occasions, counselor in the branch Y.W.M.I.A. at Richland, Washington, president of the Wilmington, Del. branch Relief Society, and of the East Penn District Relief Society. While at New Jersey she was president of a branch of the Short Hills Ward Primary and a member of the New York Stake Primary board, counselor in the Relief Society and Sunday School teacher in the Caldwell, N.J. ward. More recently she was a teacher in the Cottonwood Sixth Ward Relief Society and one of the workers at the Salt Lake Temple.

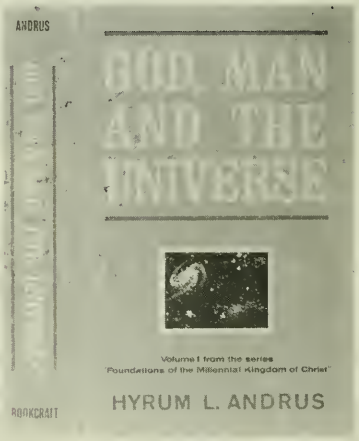


John Q. Cannon, left, director, Church Information Service; Elders Richard L. Evans, James A. Cullimore, Mark E. Petersen; and Theodore C. Jacobsen, director, Temple Square Visitors Centre, inspected relief map of Great Britain pinpointing chapels, prior to shipment of display to London Temple Visitors Centre.



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—Joseph Smith

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Elder John Longden

Elder Longden To Dedicate London Temple Visitors' Centre

June 14, at 3.30 p.m.

★ Elaborate plans are nearing completion for the dedication of the beautiful new Visitors' Centre located adjacent to the London Temple at Newchapel, Lingfield, Surrey, on Saturday, 14 June at 3.30 p.m.

All members of the Church in the British Isles and friends are invited to attend the open air service. Seating will be provided.

Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, will dedicate the Centre. A large choir, composed of singers from the wards and branches in the southern part of England, will present the special music.

It is anticipated 1,000 persons will be present for the dedication service according to Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr., London Stake, chairman of the committee planning for the significant event.

The new one story building replaces the unit which had served to greet visitors to the London Temple site since the temple was dedicated in 1958 by President David O. McKay. The prophet broke ground for the temple in August 1953 as the world-famous Tabernacle Choir, then on tour in Europe, sang beautiful music.

The new building is constructed of precast stone face panels with green slate fascia over a steel

frame. Beautiful afromosia and teak hardwood paneling sets off the interesting murals and paintings. The artistry depicts highlights of the Church in Great Britain, the history of the Church, the purpose for temples and why the Church builds them, the first baptisms in England, in the River Ribble, and a score more.

Two top attractions will be the showing of a new movie, produced by the Church, "In This Holy Place," and a large mural which shows the firmament with the Prophet Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon receiving the 7th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants and the explanation of the three degrees of glory.

The film will be shown in the Centre's 50-seat theatre.

Also serving on the committee planning the dedication programme are Pres. Dougald C. McKeown of the London Temple; Pres. Reed Callister of the British Mission; Pres. J. W. Child of the British South Mission and Bishop Monitor C. Noyce, Managing Editor of the Millennial Star, in charge of publicity.



London Temple Visitors' Centre to be dedicated June 14 at 3.30 p.m.



President David O. McKay

★ My beloved brethren and sisters: My soul is deeply stirred this morning, due, I am sure, to a combination of circumstances and experiences. Never have I been so thankful for the blessings of the Lord—and for the faith and prayers of the membership of the Church. I am thankful for the restoration of the Gospel and for the glorious message to all the world which accompanied that restoration—that God lives and that His Beloved Son Jesus Christ is the Redeemer and Saviour of the world—that we are His children, and that He has given us a Plan by which we may return to His presence a resurrected, immortal being.

I am grateful for the outstanding progress the Church has made during the past year; for the united and unstinted support given by the General Authorities and general officers of the Church; for the loyalty, faith, and devotion of the general auxiliary boards, of officers in stakes, quorums, wards, missions, and of the Church membership in general. Most of all we are grateful for the assurance we have of the Lord's guidance and overruling power.

I extend to all present in this historic Tabernacle—our special visitors—governmental and educational leaders, Regional Representatives, our stake, ward, and auxiliary officers and teachers from far and near, and to friends and members tuned in by radio and television—my heartful greetings and welcome to this 139th Annual Conference of the Church.

President David O. McKay Keynotes Opening Session of 139th Annual Conference

Salt Lake Tabernacle, Friday, April 4th 1969 at 10 a.m.
(Read by his son Robert)

WORLD OF TRIBULATION

During the past months I have been most apprehensive of mankind's welfare in a world of tribulation and of false ideals. With the increase in crime, the disrespect for law and order, the ever-increasing divorce rate, resulting in broken homes; the immorality with all its attendant evils; the precious principles associated with man's freedom threatened with repudiation, if not abondonment, it is time that men and women the world over should become more thoughtful, more prayerful, more earnest than ever before in seeking the causes of this world's disaster, and bravely and heroically choose a better course of life.

This is a time when mankind should turn their thoughts to the teachings of Christ our Lord and Saviour, and in larger numbers than the world has heretofore witnessed conform thereto their attitudes and actions. Unless multitudes of men and women so change their hearts and lives the world will continue to be in turmoil, and our present civilization be threatened with disintegration.

It is a deplorable, but recognizable fact, that men's hearts all too generally are turned from and not toward God. Self-promotion, not God's glorification, is the motivating factor in most people's lives. Irreverence is all too manifest.

NEED FOR GODLINESS

The world needs more godliness, and less godlessness; more self-discipline,

less self-indulgence; more power to say with Christ, "Father, not my will, but thine be done." Christ came to bring peace. Rejection of His way of life has made strife and contention rampant. Man, not the Lord, has brought deadly conflicts and subsequent misery. Wars spring from wickedness of unrighteous leaders. Not until freedom triumphs, and a just peace comes may we hope for the end of wars and for "good will among men."

Today, when these facts are so strikingly manifest, let all sincere men recognize the evil conditions that have caused wars, and resolve with God's help to banish them forever. There must come a victory of right and freedom over iniquity and oppression; I repeat, war will never be vanquished until men change their hearts and establish new ideals.

An essential, fundamental element in the building and in the perpetuity of a great people is the home. The strength of a nation, especially of a republican nation, is in the intelligent and well-ordered homes of the people. In the well-ordered home, we may experience on earth a taste of heaven. It is there that the babe in a mother's caress first experiences a sense of security; finds in the mother's kiss the first realization of affection; discovers in mother's sympathy and tenderness, the first assurance that there is love in the world.

I remember during World War II, conditions made it necessary that I share a Pullman car with 40 soldier boys— they were gentlemen, and a credit to any nation. In the course of conversation, one of them remarked to me: "My dad's hair is white, too." Then he added in a tone which expressed the depth of his feeling: "How I should like to see that old gray head this morning!" He and his companions were enroute for an encampment to complete their training before embarking for duty overseas. They had enlisted to defend not only the free agency of man, but the rights and sanctity of home and loved ones. Such an affection for home and loved ones as felt by that soldier boy will make death preferable to surrender to an enemy who would destroy home, and all that true American soldiers hold dear.

ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES

Seeking the pleasure of conjugality without a willingness to assume the responsibilities of rearing a family is one of the onslaughts that now batter at the structure of the American home. Intelligence and mutual consideration should be ever present factors in determining the coming of children to the home.

It is important for young people to realize that intelligent homebuilding begins with a young man and a young girl in their teens. Often the health of children, if a couple be blessed with such, depends upon the actions of parents before marriage. In the press, from the pulpit, and particularly in the home, there should ring more frequently the message that in their youth boys and girls are laying the foundation for their future happiness or misery. Every

young man, particularly, should prepare for the responsibiltity of fatherhood by keeping himself physically clean that he might enter into that responsibility— not as a coward or deceiver, but as one honourable and fit to found a home. The young man who, in unfitness, takes upon himself the responsibility of fatherhood is worse than a deceiver. The future happiness of a wife and his children depends upon the young man's life in youth.

Let us also teach girls that motherhood is divine, for when we touch the creative part of life, we enter into the realm of divinity. It is important, therefore, that young womanhood realize the necessity of keeping their bodies clean and pure that their children might enter the world unhampered by sin and disease. An unshackled birth, and an inheritance of noble character are the greatest blessings of childhood. No mother has the right to shackle a child through life for what seems in youth to be a pleasant pastime, or her right to indulge in harmful drugs and other sinful practices. Those who are to be the mothers of the race should at least so live as to bear children who are not burdened from birth by sickness, weakness, or deformity, because the parents, in fiery youth, as Shakespeare said "with unbashful forehead woo the means of weakness and debility."

UNCHASTITY DOMINATING EVIL

A dominant evil of the world today is unchastity. I repeat what appeared over the signature of President Joseph F. Smith while he was living: "No more loathsome cancer disfigures the body and soul of society today than the frightful affliction of sexual sin. It vitiates the very fountains of life and bequeaths its foul effects to the yet unborn as a legacy of death." He who is unchaste in young manhood is untrue to a trust given him by the parents of the girl; and she who is unchaste in maidenhood is untrue to her future husband, and lays the foundation of unhappiness, suspicion, and discord in the home. Do not worry about these teachers who talk about inhibitions. Just keep in mind this eternal truth that chastity is a virtue to be prized as one of life's noblest achievements. It contributes to the virility of manhood. It is the crowning virtue of womanhood, and every red-blooded man knows that is true. It is a chief factor to a happy home. There is no loss of prestige in maintaining in a dignified way the standards of the Church. You can be "in" this world and not "of the world." Keep your chastity above everything else! God has commanded that we be chaste— "Thou shalt not commit adultery!" said the Lord at Sinai.

Degenerating forces in the world are rampant, but they can be resisted if youth will cherish right thoughts and aspire to high ideals. The age-old conflict between truth and error is being waged with accelerating fury, and at the present hour error seems to be gaining the upper hand. Increasing moral turpitude and widespread disregard for the principles of honour and integrity are undermining influences in social, political, and business life.

MARRIAGE IS OF GOD

The exalted view of marriage as held by the Church is given expressively in five words found in the 49th section of the Doctrine and Covenants. "Marriage is ordained of God." That revelation was given in 1831 when Joseph Smith was only 25 years of age. Considering the circumstances under which it was given, we find in it another example among hundreds of others corroborative of the fact that he was inspired of the Lord. Before us are assembled thousands of presiding officers in stakes, wards, quorums, and auxiliaries, to whom we say, it is your duty and mine to uphold the lofty conception of marriage as given in this revelation, and to guard against encroaching dangers that threaten to lower the standard of the ideal home.

It is said that the best and noblest lives are those which are set toward high ideals. Truly no higher ideal regarding marriage can be cherished by young people than to look upon it as a divine institution. In the minds of the young, such a standard is a protection to them in courtship, an ever present influence inducing them to refrain from doing anything which may prevent their going to the Temple to have their love consummated in an enduring and eternal union. It will lead them to seek divine guidance in the selection of their companions, upon the wise choice of whom their life's happiness here and hereafter is largely dependent. It makes their hearts pure and good; it lifts them up to their Father in Heaven. Such joys are within the reach of most men and women if high ideals of marriage and home be properly fostered and cherished.

The signs of the times definitely indicate the sacredness of the marriage covenant is dangerously threatened. There are places where the marriage ceremony may be performed at any hour of the day or night without any previous arrangement. The license is issued and the ceremony performed while the couple waits. Many couples, who have been entrapped by such enticements, have had their marriages end in disappointment and sorrow. In some instances, these places are nothing more than opportunities for legalized immorality. Oh, how far they fall below the true ideal! As far as lies within our power, we must warn young couples against secret and hasty marriages.

INSIDIOUS INFLUENCES

It is vital also to counteract the insidious influences of printed literature that speaks of the "bankruptcy of marriage," that advocates trial marriages, and that places "extra-marital relations" on a par with "extra-marital friendships."

Parenthood, and particularly motherhood, should be held as a sacred obligation. There is something in the depths of the human soul which revolts against neglectful parenthood. God has implanted deep in the souls of parents the truth that they cannot with impunity shirk the responsibility to protect childhood and youth.

There seems to be a growing tendency to shift this responsibility from the home to outside influences such as the school and the Church. Important as these outward influences are, they never can take the place of the influence of the mother and the father. Constant training, constant vigilance, companionship, being watchmen of our own children are necessary in order to keep our homes intact.

The character of the child is formed largely during the first 12 years of his life. During that period he spends 16 times as many waking hours in the home as in school, and 126 times as many hours in the home as in the Church. Children go out with the stamp of these homes upon them, and only as these homes are what they should be, will children be what they should be.

Luther Burbank, the great plant wizard and scientist, most impressively emphasizes the need for constant attention in the training of a child. He says:

"Teach the child self-respect. Train it in self-respect just as you train a plant in better ways. No self-respecting man was ever a grafter. Above all, bear in mind repetition—the use of an influence over and over again, keeping everlastingly at it.

"This is what fixes traits in plants, the constant repetition of an influence until at last it is irrevocably fixed and will not change. You cannot afford to get discouraged. You are dealing with something far more precious than any plant—the precious soul of a child!"

There are three fundmental things to which every child is entitled: (1) A respected name, (2) A sense of security, (3) Opportunities for development. The family gives to the child his name and standing in the community. A child wants his family to be as good as those of his friends. He wants to be able to point with pride to his father, and to feel an inspiration always as he thinks of his mother. It is a mother's duty so to live that her children will associate with her everything that is beautiful, sweet and pure. And the father should so live that the child, emulating his example will be a good citizen, and, in the Church, a true follower of the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A child has the right to feel that in his home he has a place of refuge, a place of protection from the dangers and evils of the outside world. Family unity and integrity are necessary to supply this need.

He needs parents who are happy in their adjustment to each other, who are working hopefully toward the fulfillment of an ideal of living; who love their children with a sincere and unselfish love; in short, parents who are well-balanced individuals, gifted with a certain amount of insight, who are able to provide the child with a wholesome, emotional background which will contribute more to his development than material advantages.

THREATENING MENACE

Divorce almost invariably deprives children of these advantages. Just re-

cently I received a heart-breaking letter from a boy nearly eight years of age whose parents are divorced from which I quote. "Dear David O. McKay: I am having a problem and it is about Mom and Dad. They are divorced and we (meaning his brother and sister) want to be back together. Can you solve my problem? I love you." What a tragedy for that child, and what unhappiness this separation has caused the children!

The increasing divorce rate in the United States today is a threatening menace to this Nation's greatness. The increase throughout the United States, and in our own State, in the percentage of divorces is alarming!

In the light of scripture, ancient and modern, we are justified in concluding that Christ's ideal pertaining to marriage is the unbroken home, and conditions that cause divorce are violations of His divine teachings. Except in cases of infidelity or other extreme conditions, the Church frowns upon divorce, and Authorities look with apprehension upon the increasing number of divorces among members of the Church. A man who has entered into sacred covenants in the House of the Lord to remain true to the marriage vow, is a traitor to that covenant if he separates himself from his wife and family just because he has permitted himself to become infatuated with a pretty face and comely form of some young girl who flattered him with a smile. Even though a loose interpretation of the law of the land would grant such a man a bill of divorcement, I think he is unworthy of a recommend to consummate his second marriage in the Temple. And any woman who will break up her home because of some selfish desire, or who has been untrue to her husband, is also untrue to the covenants she has made in the House of the Lord. When we refer to the breaking of the marriage tie, we touch upon one of the saddest experiences of life. For a couple who have basked in the sunshine of each other's love, to stand by and see the clouds of misunderstanding and discord obscure the lovelight of their lives, is tragedy indeed. In the darkness that follows, the love sparkle in each other's eyes is obscured, and to try to restore it is fruitless.

MARRIAGE IS SACRED

To look upon marriage as a mere contract that may be entered into at pleasure in response to a romantic whim, or for selfish purposes, and severed at the first difficulty or misunderstanding that may arise, is an evil meriting severe condemnation, especially in cases wherein children are made to suffer because of such separation. Marriage is a sacred relationship entered into for purposes that are well recognised—primarily for the rearing of a family. A flippant attitude toward marriage, the ill-advised suggestion of "companionate marriage," the base, diabolical theory of "free sex experiment," and the ready-made divorce courts, are dangerous reefs upon which many a family bark is wrecked.

In order to lessen the breaking up of homes, the present tendency toward a low view of marriage should be sub-

stituted by the lofty view of marriage which Jesus the Christ gives it. Let us look upon marriage as a sacred obligation and a covenant that is eternal, or that may be made eternal.

Teach the young of both sexes in the responsibilities and ideals of marriage so that they may realize that marriage involves obligation, and is not an arrangement to be terminated at pleasure. Teach them that pure love between the sexes is one of the noblest things on earth, and the bearing and rearing of children the highest of all human duties. In this regard it is the duty of parents to set an example in the home that children may see and absorb, as it were, the sacredness of family life and the responsibilities associated therewith.

STATE OF MUTUAL SERVICE

The number of broken marriages can be reduced if couples realized even before they approach the altar that marriage is a state of mutual service, a state of giving as well as of receiving, and that each must give of himself to the utmost. Harriet Beecher Stowe wisely writes: "No man or woman can create a true home who is not willing in the outset to embrace life heroically, to encounter labour and sacrifice. Only to such can this divinest power be given to create on earth that which is the nearest image of heaven."

Another condition that contributes to the permanence of the marriage convenant is marriage in the Temple. Before such a marriage is consummated, it is necessary for the young man and young woman first to obtain a recommend from the Bishop. They should go to him in person, and the Bishop who does his duty, will instruct the couple regarding the sacredness of the obligation that they as young people are going to assume, emphasizing all the safeguards that have been named before. There in the presence of the Priesthood, the young people before taking upon themselves the obligation of marriage, receive instructions upon the sacredness of the duty which is before them; and, further-more, whether they are prepared to go in holiness and purity to the altar of God and there seal their vows and love.

PRINCIPLE OF PURITY

Finally, there is one principle which seems to me to strike right at the base of the happiness of the marriage relation, and that is the standard of purity taught and practiced among true members of the Church. In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints there is but one standard of morality. No young man has any more right to be unchaste than has a young girl. That young man who comes to the Bishop and asks for a recommend to take a pure girl to the altar, is expected to give the same purity that he expects to receive.

For the proper solution of this great problem of the mounting divorce rate, we may turn with safety to Jesus as our guide. He declared that the marriage relation is of divine origin, that

"marriage is ordained of God," that only under the most exceptional conditions should it be set aside. In the teaching of the Church of Christ, the family assumes supreme importance in the development of the individual and the society. "Happy and thrice happy are they who enjoyed an uninterrupted union, and whose love, unbroken by any complaint, shall not dissolve." The marriage ceremony when sealed by the authority of the Holy Priesthood endures, as do family relationships, throughout time and all eternity. "What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

God bless us to look more earnestly, prayerfully, and sincerely upon the sacredness of the home and the marriage covenant, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY

★ "Christ's message meant the ultimate development of God's kingdom or rule upon earth, which is destined to transform society. Loyalty to the divine King—the common Father of all mankind, is the strongest and only universal bond that can bind all men together. His teachings, therefore, have a large social, as well as individual significance, for they contemplate a universal brotherhood or democracy in which all men are united in the common desire to do the will of God."

—David O. McKay

President Brown Declares

The Church Is A Bold Prophetic Inspired Religion



President Hugh B. Brown

★ Mere obedience to the requirements of the Church in church attendances and abstinence from harmful substances does not entitle one to Church membership. While these traits are important and should be a part of one's training and discipline, the membership are encouraged to go on into perfection.

President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, said at the Saturday morning session of General Conference that as the Apostle Paul directed:

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection;" (Hebrews 6:1) that the members "are to cooperate with God in His avowed purpose to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."

He emphasized: "This divine partnership is not simply a philosophy of life, it is a divine plan or blueprint of life—preexistent life, mortal and post mortal."

ETERNAL PROGRESSION

President Brown said the Gospel is a "system of continuing education resulting in eternal progression. Education, is in fact, a part of our religion, for we believe the Glory of God is intelligence."

He quoted the Lord as saying,

"And I give unto you a commandment that you teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom."

President Brown turned to two Articles of Faith of the Church which indicate our faith in the atonement of Christ and its universal application and our belief in continued revelation. Thes articles are:

"We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel. And:

"We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does not reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

SAVIOUR CHIEF CORNERSTONE

President Brown declared that "orthodox Christianity maintains that there can be no current revelation; that no revelation has been given since the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and the death of the Apostles, and none would be given in the future. . ."

He said "we claim the Church is built upon the foundation of divinely inspired apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ Himself as the chief cornerstone.

"Generally, a Prophet is one who predicts future events . . . that will come to pass . . . that is, in part, the office of a prophet—in part what is expected of him. But a prophet should be primarily a teacher of men an expounder of the things of God.

"The inspiration of the Almighty must give him understanding, and when given he must declare it fearlessly to the people of his age and to future generations. He must be a Seer that can help others to see, a teacher sent of God to instruct a people, to enlighten an age. This is the primary office of a prophet . . ."

GOD . . . AKIN TO US . . .

President Brown declared that "for us, God is not an abstraction; He is not an idea a metaphysical principle, an impersonal force or power. He is a concrete, living person, and though in our human frailty we cannot know the total mystery of His being, we know that He is akin to us for He is revealed to us in the divine personality of His Son, Jesus Christ, and He is, in fact, our Father.

"Any person's conception of deity must come within his mental hori-

zon which is determined by the degree of his intelligence. Man, by his reasoning, naturally endows God with his own noblest and highest ideals, which, if he be studious and devout, are ever-growing. Intellectual activity, then produces an ever-changing, ever-growing, concept of God. Once the mind has grasped the idea of God it will burn and glow and seek to assimilate and radiate, to adore, and to emulate."

President Brown bore testimony "that the Gospel of Jesus Christ does not belong simply to an antiquated world that has passed away; it is a real and powerful force in our world here and now, a force that invests our individual lives with meaning and purpose."

A Latter-day Saint should:

Take time to think
that is why our Heavenly Father
gave us intelligence

Take time to pray
it is our first duty to
our Heavenly Father

Take time to read
it is the fountain of wisdom

Take time to play
it is the music of the soul

Take time to love one another
it is what makes you Saint-like.

by Shirley Foster
(a convert babtised 31st August, 1968)
Hayes Branch, Watford District



President Alvin R. Dyer,

President Dyer Warns

'New Morality, Not The Way Of The Lord

★ President Alvin R. Dyer, counselor in the First Presidency, forcibly struck at man's so-called "The New Morality" which he emphatically declared are the trends which the Lord warned His people would penetrate in the last days "seeking to destroy the souls of men." President Dyer addressed the Saturday morning session of General Conference.

The Prophet Nephi warned also:

"Woe be unto him that harkeneth unto the precepts of men, and denieth the power of God and the gift of the Holy Ghost." (II Nephi 28:26)

President Dyer declared:

"The 'New Morality' denies distinctions between right or wrong, good or evil, substituting a code which decides the right or wrong of behavior according to human need, regardless of what need is distorted to be . . . It could lead to a society burdened with mass control based upon principles of unrighteous dominion over the individual.

SEX EDUCATION

He listed the first of these "deceptive and shadowed objectives" of a well propagandized programmes is "Sex Education" or "Family Life Education" which places emphisis on raw sex in the school classroom, creating widespread contention, causing deep concern among parents and leaders.

"This matter needs the serious concern of an aroused public to deny the use of such materials, and more firmly establish sound moral teachings in the fields of physiology and hygiene, as now provided by school law."

President Dyer struck out also at the "misguided" sex education programmes in the classroom which some declare will "lessen sex ignorance, reduce illegitimate pregnancy, venereal disease, and related problems, has no basis for sound conclusions.

"ACTUAL EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN THE RESULTS TO BE JUST THE OPPOSITE."

"NEW MORALITY"

He said the "New Morality" requires young people solve their own sex problems without the help of the teacher or parents with the student deciding what is or is not moral and whether morality is involved.

"The most surprising and devasting of all is the effort that is being made to isolate sex education as being completely devoid of moral responsibility, fear, inhibitions, and emotional restraints."

President Dyer quoted the "sad" statistics of one of the other countries that have been saturated with sex education in the school classroom:

85 per cent of the people believe in sex relations without marriage.

98 per cent have pre-marital relations.

50 per cent of the brides are pregnant when married.

The majority of women want free and unrestricted abortions.

Striking next at "Sensitivity Training" President Dyer said that this is a tool "used to ends that are inconsistent with Gospel principles. Certain methods of sensitivity training develop a form of induced hysteria meant to break down morals, manners, and the traditions of civility. Such approaches can do infinite harm, especially to young people."

OWN FREE AGENCY

"The greatest gift from God unto His children is that of personal agency. It is the foundation of spiritual culture, the principle upon which our Constitution was founded, and is the underlying obligation of our School System to maintain, yet we see it being jeopardized in the

teaching methods of "sensitivity training."

"Sex education and sensitivity training teaching methods, when abusively used not only break down barriers of privacy, but provide the techniques for mass, rather than personal decision. This tends to destroy the agency of man and is therefore evil in concept.

"Church behavioral methods such as Testimony Meetings, Priesthood and Missionary Report Meetings, Oral Evaluations, and Self-evaluations and Confession emphasize the importance of, and preserves the right of, the individual.

"It will be of interest to know that sensitivity training has been ruled out as a teaching method in our Church Institutes and Seminaries."

President Dyer cited another deadly movement as that asking for greater flexibility in marriage laws, "which attempt to liberalize that which is already immorally liberal."

REBUKES TRIAL MARRIAGES

He quoted a Ministry of Education's medical officer who describes "unchastity as not in his view 'unchaste,' as associated with out-of-wedlock immoral activity."

One noted judge said, "if people spent as much time contemplating marriage as they do buying a car or a house they would be better off."

Next rebuking was for the "trial marriage" and its effect upon morals. "The very idea of it fits the 'New Morality' concept and becomes a part of evil principles we must be alert to."

President Dyer said "The Youth for Alcohol" movement is gaining momemtum and it is quite obvious that such a programme "would only intensify the misery that it would erroneously try to correct.

"We must not be insensible to evil influences that are being thrust upon us by the perverted principles of Sex Education, Sensitivity, Training, Youth for Alcohol and any flexibilities in the sacredness of marriage, which are challenging moral decency and righteousness. We must unite our efforts to vigorously oppose such programming.

". . . We must walk in paths of righteousness and keep close to that way of life found in the pattern of the Gospel," he said in closing.



Elder Ezra Taft Benson

Elder Benson Warns Of Cleansing Coming Among The Church Membership

★ No matter how much individual apostasy may occur among Church members—the Church itself shall endure and remain intact, the Lord promised when He restored His Church in these latter-days.

"Our task, then," according to Elder Ezra Taft Benson, "is to see that we personally endure to the end in faithful fellowship with the Church."

Speaking on the opening day of the General Conference in April in Salt Lake City, Elder Benson noted that the Lord distinguishes between the Church and its members. He said that while the Church is made up of mortals—no mortal is the Church.

Elder Benson warned that "there is a cleansing coming" as he commented upon some members of the Church who are not in harmony with the Church. He said unless they repent, they will be missing when the final membership records are made up.

TARES AMONG THE WHEAT

He quoted the late President J. Reuben Clark Jr. with regard to the tares among the wheat and wolves within the flock:

"The ravening wolves are amongst us, from our own membership, and they, more than any others, are clothed in sheep's clothing because they wear the habiliments of the priesthood . . . We should be careful of them."

Next he quoted President David O. McKay:

"The Church is little, if at all, injured by persecution and calumnies from ignorant, misinformed or malicious enemies. A greater hindrance to progress comes from fault finders shirkers, commandment-breakers, and apostate cliques within its own ecclesiastical and quorum groups."

The Prophet Nephi in the Book of Mormon also spoke thusly:

". . . they have all gone astray save it be a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err because they are taught by the precepts of men."

IN, BUT NOT OF WORLD

Elder Benson noted that the Saviour taught "that we should be in the world but not of it." Elder Benson added, "there are some in our midst who are not so much concerned about taking the Gospel into the world as they are about bringing worldliness into the Gospel."

The first commandment given to man, Elder Benson said, was to multiply and replenish the earth with children.

"That commandment has never been altered, modified, or cancelled." In Psalms 127:3, 5 we are told "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord . . . Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them.' '

"The world teaches birth control . . . We know that every spirit assigned to this earth will come whether through us or someone else . . . The Lord did not say to multiply and replenish the earth if it is convenient, or if you are wealthy, or after you have gotten your schooling. . . .

"And so far as limiting the population in order to provide plenty is concerned, the Lord answered that falsehood in the Doctrine and Covenants when He said.

"For the earth is full, and there is enough and to spare; yea, I prepared all things, and have given unto the children of men to be agents unto themselves.'"

THREAT OF SEXUAL IMPURITY

Elder Benson declared the major reason why there is famine in some

parts of the world is because evil men have used the vehicle of government to abridge the freedom that men need to produce abundantly."

Sexual impurity, declared Elder Benson, is another threat today. He quoted again from President Clark:

"Many influences (more than ever before in my lifetime) are seeking to break down chastity with its divinely declared sancitity.

"In school rooms the children are taught what is popularly called the 'facts of life'. Instead of bringing about the alleged purpose of the teaching, that is, strengthening of the morals of youth, this teaching seems to have had directly the opposite effect. The teaching seems merely to have whetted curiosity and augmented appetite . . . A mind engrossed in sex is not good for much else.

Elder Benson declared that "a word on chastity can be given in one sentence, two words: be chaste! That tells everything. You do not need to know all the details of the reproductive processes in order to keep clean . . ."

Sex education he emphasized, "belongs in the home, where it is the responsibility of parents to see that children are taught this vital and important subject."

DANCING AND DRESS

President Clark also spoke clearly on other subjects in this vein, said Elder Benson as he quoted:

"A tremendous amount of the modern art, of the modern literature and music, and the drama that we have today is utterly demoralizing—utterly."

Elder Benson asked: Have you noticed some of our Church dances lately? Have they been praiseworthy lovely, and of good report? "I doubt whether it is possible to dance most of the prevalent fad dances in a manner to meet LDS standards."

"What about modesty in dress? When was the last time you saw a high school girl wearing a dress that covered her knees?"

Elder Benson closed quoting President George Q. Cannon:

"If the breach is daily widening between ourselves and the world. . . we may be assured that our progress is certain, however slow. On the opposite hand, if our feelings and affections our appetites and desires,

are in unison with the world round us and freely fraternize with them . . . we should do well to examine ourselves. Individuals in such a condition might possess a nominal position in the Church but would be lacking the life of the work, and, like the foolish virgins who slumbered while the bridegroom tarried, they would be unprepared for his coming . . ."

(Millennial Star, Vol. 23, October 1861, pp 645-46)

ANNOUNCEMENT

★ The Hereford Branch wish to bring to the notice of all saints throughout the British Isles, who may be visiting the Wye Valley during the summer months, that as from Sunday June 1st 1969, they will be meeting at their recently purchased hall, situated in East Street, Hereford. It is in the centre of the town, immediately behind the Town Hall.

Times of meeting are as follows:

Relief Society	Tuesday 2.30 p.m.
M.I.A.	Thursday 7.30 p.m.
Primary	Saturday 11 a.m.
Priesthood	Sunday 9.30 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday 11 a.m.
Sacrament Meeting	Sunday 5 p.m.

Fast Meetings follow immediately after Sunday School at 12.30 p.m.



Elder Bernard P. Brockbank

Elder Brockbank Encourages 'TEACH MY LAMBS'

★ I enjoy reading the scriptures. You know, they seem to have quite a human touch. You remember Peter saying after the Saviour's resurrection, and in His absence, "I go a fishing." (John 21:3.) That is just about as brief as you can put it. The Saviour appeared while Peter and the disciples were fishing. After the Saviour had shown them how to catch fish by casting their nets under His direction—casting the net under His counsel and His guidance —that is the way to fish. He taught them how to be fishers of men, to cast their nets under the direction of the Saviour. I would like to take the next part of this great message that the Saviour left with Peter on how to be an effective missionary. This was now the third time that Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after that He was risen from the dead. Jesus saith to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?"

These scriptures are well known to all. This is a very important question for each one of us. May I ask each of you, "Do you love the Lord?" The answer almost without exception would be, "Yes." Let us place ourselves in the position of Peter.

". . . Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? . . . He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my

lambs." The Lord can tell if we love Him.

"He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

"He saith unto him the third, time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he saith unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep." (Ibid., 21:15-17. Italics added.)

Can you picture this great scene of that powerful Peter being asked these simple questions? And the Lord had a way of knowing how deep the love was within Peter and how to teach him the way to show his love for Jesus Christ.

We show and prove our love by feeding the lambs and the sheep. There are over three billion people on the earth today, and at the present rate of teaching, over two and a half billion of God's children will never be taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What if you were to live on this earth and never had a chance to hear and be taught the true way of life?

Our task is great. Teachers are needed. Every member of this Church that has a testimony and is converted is urgently needed. The lambs and the sheep are hungry for the bread of life, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We can show our love by following the prophet of God, "By every member being a missionary" to bring one or more souls into the Church each year. It is great to have a prophet. Have you followed the prophet?

I find people occasionally worried and concerned about whether someone else's convert is fully converted. They are more concerned sometimes about this than about feeding and teaching their own friends and neighbours the Gospel. I learned a lesson about this point in the mission field.

The missionaries baptised a little Scottish boy, very shabbily dressed, from a very poor home, family conditions almost as bad as you could find. I asked the missionary, "Why did you baptise this boy?" "Well, he is a good boy." The boy brought his entire family into the Church. His father was an alcoholic. He failed to bring money home . . . Well, the story has a beautiful ending. Today the boy's father is the bishop. I learned not to judge the conversion of someone else. The Lord will hold the person responsible that improperly brings someone into this Church, and him alone.

Now what have we to teach the people? You know, the Saviour gives us this great message. We don't have to guess at what to teach. The Saviour said ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

"He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; . . ." (Mark 16: 15-16.) And then he gives us the key. Jesus said: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: . . ." (Matt. 28: 20.)

Our job is to teach the people to observe all things whatsoever Jesus Christ has commanded. We are to teach every nation, kindred, tongue, and people the commandments given by Christ.

The Prophet Ether in the Book of Mormon is an excellent example of a good effective missionary. ". . . he could not be restrained because of the Spirit of the Lord which was in him.

"For he did cry from the morning, even until the going down of the sun, exhorting the people to believe in God unto repentance lest they should be destroyed, saying unto them that by faith all things are fulfilled—" (Ether 12:2-3.)

Here are some of the things that Jesus commanded:

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16.)

Teach them to search the scriptures; they contain the programme that God has provided for His children.

Teach your fellow men to have faith in the Living Personal God as found in the scriptures.

Teach your neighbours and friends that they were created in the image and likeness of God, their Heavenly Father.

Teach them to have faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

Teach them to repent from sin and evil and to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Teach them baptism—the same baptism that Jesus exemplified as He went down into the water at the river Jordan under the hands of God's authorised servant, John the Baptist.

Teach them that they must be born of the spirit and receive the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, ". . . Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5.)

Teach them to love God and neighbour.

Teach them to pray from their hearts to a Living God and a Heavenly Father.

Teach them that revelation from God to man has never ceased if man desires to know and receive the heavenly blessings and witnesses.

Teach the people to pray to God and ask for His blessings through the Saviour Jesus Christ.

Teach them to be kingdom builders. Remember the Lord's Prayer—". . . When ye Pray," the Lord said, "After this manner therefore pray ye. . .

"Thy kingdom come." Anyone praying after the manner of Jesus Christ prays to be a kingdom builder. "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:7, 9-10.)

Teach them to have joy and happiness; long suffering, goodness, meekness, temperance, love, peace, and faith; these are the fruits of the Spirit.

Teach them the value and power of the priesthood of God, and that it has been restored to the earth.

When you teach, follow the Saviour's counsel and "let your light shine." Pray always before you teach for faith, wisdom, and the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. What a marvelous experience to teach the Gospel under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit! What great joy comes from feeding the lambs and the sheep.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

"Truth is obeyed when it is loved. Strict obedience to the truth will alone enable people to dwell in the presence of the Almighty."

—Brigham Young

Primary Co-workers Introduced to Many Changes

★ Primary presidencies will no longer be known as "partners" announced Gen. Pres. LaVern W. Parmley at the annual Primary Conference held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

Other Primary changes noted at the two-day conference of the auxiliary included:

Primary presidencies no longer will be able to choose which groups they would supervise for now the duties of each are specific.

Presidents will be in charge of Trail Builders, Cub Scouts and secretaries. First Counselors will have charge of Skylet-Pilots, music, Children's Friend and Penny Parade. Second Counselors will supervise Lihoma girls, In-service teaching, Sacrament Meeting and the reverence programmes.

Sister Parmley said a new pioneer programme suggested for ward and branch production in July, tells of the hardships of pioneer children and helps children understand the challenges these children faced. Children dramatise various pioneer situations while the story is told.

A new songbook and In-service teaching manual will be ready for use by September.

Next year's reverence programme theme will be "My Heavenly Father expects me to be reverent." The theme will be developed in the weekly three-minute reverence demonstrations.

★ Primary workers from around the world were counseled by three General Authorities at the auxiliary's conference.

President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, told the women that those who teach stand on holy ground. He challenged Primary workers to sanctify themselves for their assignments as the Saviour sanctified Himself.

"Christ was a master teacher because He was what he taught . . . Our teaching and our lives must not be at variance."

Elder Howard W. Hunter, of the Council of the Twelve, said that anyone



Primary general presidency who conducted the annual conference of the auxiliary From left, Gen. Pres. LaVern W. Parmley, Leone W. Doxey and Jucile C. Reading, counselors.

called to serve in the Primary has a special calling because it pertains to God's little children.

He said those who give themselves to help children radiate something special—especially in teaching children to find God and to talk with Him in prayer.

Elder Hunter also noted that the percentage of attendance at Primary is higher than any of the other auxiliaries of the Church.

He told the Primary workers that their efforts "create the desire for young men to hold the priesthood and to accept the call to go on missions.

"Your willingness to help them turns the hearts of boys and girls toward the temples of God when they reach those important years."

Bishop Robert L. Simpson of the Presiding Bishopric admonished all workers in the Primary Association to become as little children. Take time out to observe little children, was his advice. By so doing that they might gain some of the basic attributes needed to reach the children effectively, he said.

VISITING LONDON?

★ The NORTH LONDON WARD Members are offering accommodation in their homes for members of the Church who may be visiting London this year. Accommodation can be arranged for families from one to six people. The charges are very reasonable. If you require further information write to:

Ward Clerk,
Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints,
88A Archway Road,
London, N.19.

Washington Temple To Reflect Architecture Of Salt Lake Edifice

★ The architectural design for the Washington, D.C. Temple has been approved by the First Presidency.

The edifice, described by the team of architects responsible for the design as "majestic" and "timeless," will be erected atop a hill on a 57 acre tract near Silver Spring, Md., adjacent to the nation's capital.

The architectural team prepared the design with the following five objectives in mind:

1. The Washington Temple represents visually the Church in the eastern part of the United States. It, therefore, will be a majestic edifice.

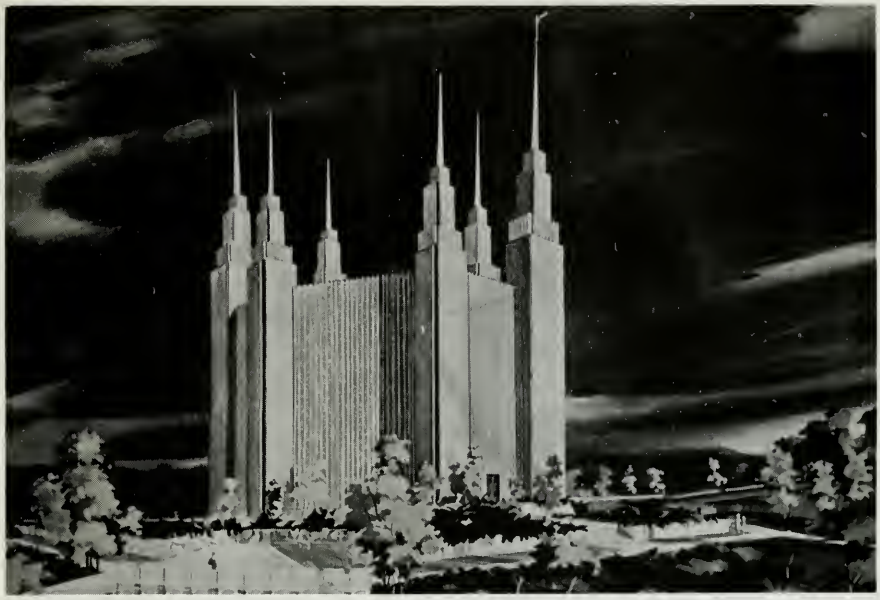
2. The temple has a "timeless" quality in its design—relation to the past, present and future.

3. This temple will be immediately recognised as a Mormon temple. It suggests and brings to mind the best known and most easily recognised symbol of the Church—the Salt Lake Temple—by means of a new and unique expression and form without the design being a literal copy of the Salt Lake Temple.

4. The temple visually expresses relationship to Deity. The total building as well as each element contributes to this aspiring quality.

5. The site is unparalleled in beauty and spiritual quality. The building is beautiful from all directions and distances. The location suggests a symmetrical form with elevated mass having straight line forms and simple planes and surfaces making possible the use of white marble as an exterior material.

The architectural team, all prominent Utah architects, are Fred L. Markham, Provo; Keith W. Wilcox, Ogden; Henry P. Fetzer and Harold K. Beecher, Salt Lake City. Mr. Markham was chairman



Aproved design for the Washington, D.C. Temple, 16th in the world, to be erected on a 57-acre site near Silver Spring, Md. Construction to begin next spring on the white marble structure.

of the committee which worked in co-operation with Emil B. Fetzer, Church architect.

The building will be designed and erected under the supervision of the Church Building Committee of which Mark B. Garff is chairman.

Mr. Garff says it is expected plans will be completed and construction may begin in about one year.

The wooded hilltop on which the temple will be erected rises 120 feet above the surrounding terrain.

Ground was broken and the site dedicated by Pres. Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, at appropriate services on Dec. 8. He was acting under assignment from President David O. McKay, 95-year-old Church leader. Approximately 3,500 members of the Church assembled for the dedicatory services conducted by Pres. Milan D. Smith of the Washington Stake, who was later named chairman of the Washington Temple District.

The temple, sixteenth to be erected by the Mormon Church throughout the world, will serve 238,000 members living in the eastern part of the United States and Canada in 38 stakes and 12 missions.



FOOD STORAGE

By Monitor C. Noyce

Grain elevator of the General Church Welfare Programme at Salt Lake City. The priesthood constructed this concrete structure.

★ This is the Lord's way of advising us to save "for a rainy day."

A "rainy day" could be a flood, a tornado, an earthquake, a fire, war or it may just be an emergency of a more personal kind, such as a serious and lenghty illness, an accident, or anything which brings about a loss of employment, and which results in a diminished or no income.

Suppose just such an emergency should fall upon your family, how long could you sustain yourselves through the supply of food commodities stored in your larder? A day, a week, a month, six months, a year? Specifically, since 1937, Church members have been admonished to plan and provide for their families in the event of an emergency.

Admittedly, storage conditions and facilities vary from country to country under economic and climatic forces, but there are still many

"LET EVERY HEAD OF EVERY HOUSEHOLD SEE TO IT THAT HE HAS ON HAND ENOUGH FOOD AND CLOTHING AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, FUEL ALSO FOR AT LEAST A YEAR AHEAD."

—President J. Reuben Clark Jr.
April 1937, General Conference

items that may be stored under determined, thoughtful planning and budgeting.

Just suppose your bishop or branch president were to ask you to sustain your family through the next two weeks without further shopping from this very moment. What would be your reaction, and that of your family? Most likely you would undergo some quick planning and changing of diet to make your supplies stretch over the desired period, unless you have already been following and practicing a planned food storage programme.

It is suggested that you begin TODAY, analysing your family's needs for a week, then as soon as possible, have your larder stored with sufficient quantities of food, etc. to sustain you a week. As soon as that goal is achieved, plan and achieve a goal of double the amount, or two weeks supplies. Next prepare for a month of supplies. During all of this carefully use a dating, and or rotating system, so that the foods you store away do not "rot" on the shelf but are part of the food storage programme.

With world conditions as they are these days, an emergency situation could arise at anytime. Therefore, it behooves every member of the Church to follow the counsel given and be prepared the best we can for just such an emergency.

This food storage programme is one facet of the huge Priesthood Welfare Programme of the Church established in 1830. Since that year the Church has encouraged its members to establish and maintain their economic independence. The Church encourages thrift and fosters the establishment of employment-creating industries; it has stood ready at all times to help needy faithful members.

The aim of this great programme is to help the people to help themselves.

May we also remind that the greatest storehouse in the whole Church is in the homes of the people.

Wheat is the staff of life and the Church strongly urges its storage. Yes it can be stored in England. It is available through the Deseret Enterprises, Ltd. 288 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey. However, wheat of the Turkey red variety should be stored for this is a clean, hard and dry grain, which will keep for several years if stored properly.

Wheat may be milled into whole wheat flour or cereal and can be sprouted for an edible green food.

The Millennial Star prints herewith several suggestions regarding home food storage plus the comments and experiences of some families who have already developed such a plan in their homes here in Great Britain. As further information becomes available it will be passed along to our readers.

REMEMBER THESE ITEMS FOR YOUR STORAGE PROGRAMME!!

Razor blades	**Lotion**	**Torches**
Cleanser	**Toilet Paper**	**Candles**
Toothpaste	**Needles & Thread**	**Safety Pins**

How We Built Our Food Store

by Sylvia Sweeney
and Margaret Trevor

★ We started building our food store two years ago, when we moved into our present home, by buying a little extra each month and, whenever possible in bulk from a 'cash and carry'.

"We also found that the local supermarket often had special offers that were more economical than the 'cash and carry'. Each tin or package is marked with the year and quarter as it is placed in the store. As each weeks normal groceries are purchased the equivalent is used from the store and replaced by the weeks purchases, thus ensuring at all times a fresh food store.

"A research programme was carried out by a consumers group into the length of storage time for various tinned foods. (See the table).

"Assuming they will be kept in a warm climate at about 65 degrees F. remember to make some allowance for the time they have been kept in the shop. The periods of time indicated show the time before some deterioration, usually in colour occurs.

"We have been mindful of the use of liquids in our daily diet. Included in our store is 100 gallons of water (in cold and hot water tanks plus stored water in polythene containers). This is about the practical limit.

"Fruit, vegetables (green) and meat, have been stored for vitamin, mineral and protein content. Fish has also been given priority because of its high food value. Dehydrated foods, potatoes and soups in particular, are able to be stored easily in large quantities and provide excellent nourishment. Sugar proved to be a difficulty, but one gallon cans of syrup were found to be acceptable. Vitamins and seeds (for future



Sis. Sylvia Sweeney replaces her wheat grinder to her food larder. She dates each item as it is stored.

propagation) have also been stored and are very small in bulk.

"Candles, washing powder, soap, fuel, clothing, etc., can also be stored, but we at least are concentrating on our food store at present.

"Last but perhaps most important, wheat, for bulk, protein, and because the Lord has said, 'wheat is for man' . . . we elected to store in ten gallon polythene containers (each holds 100 pounds)."

Sylvia Sweeney

★ "I first started on my store cupboard when I was married. My mother-in-law gave me £5 to start one. I shop at a supermarket where often their own brands are much cheaper and they also do large size tins.

"A good way to start a store cupboard is to buy each week the 'special offers' that most grocers have. These are often soup, tinned fruit and fruit juices—and they store very well. If one just buys a few special offers a week, one soon has a reasonable store.

"Most towns have a 'cash and carry' store which sell wholesale groceries. These are very worthwhile for members of the Church as food (virtually anything) can be bought in bulk and at a much reduced price, eg., drinking chocolate in 12 lb. tins, 28 lbs. of cheddar cheese, one gallon of washing-up liquid and orange squash concentrate, ½ cwt. sack of salt, almost anything you can think of.

"Of course, the obvious question is where to keep it all. I'm lucky in that I have plenty of space. I have a large kitchen and I keep a lot of it in there, especially tins. We have a boarded loft over the entire area of the house and also a separate one over the garage. This is useful for keeping things used less often, such as candles, soap, powder, toilet paper, cooking oil, all of which can be bought wholesale and in bulk at a 'cash and carry'.

"I also have a deep-freeze which in regards to storage is the most valuable and useful thing I have. I can keep food in it for up to three years—ready-made dishes, fish (bought wholesale in 40 lb. lots) cheese, bread, various fruits (not bananas—they go black), which can be bought in season when they are cheaper and stored, and home grown apples which can be sliced and stored, also sausages and any sort of meat. Many firms supply wholesale meat, one of the well-known ones being Merry Monarch which supply as many cuts of meat as you have room for, including mince in 93 lb. packs! MacFisheries often have cheap lines in chickens and I usually buy a half dozen of these at a time. When one buys a deep-freeze always buy the biggest you can afford—you'd be amazed at how easy they are to fill. The running cost is minimal and you can insure against loss of contents due to power failure for about £1 a year. Of course, it also means that you can have an inexhaustable supply of

lollies and ice creams during the summer! Frozen vegetables can also be bought in 5 and 10 lb. bags and you can get giant, catering size steak and kidney pies enough for 30 people, which are very useful either in times of famine or if a crowd of people suddenly descend on you!

"I don't think you can ever say you have enough food, it's amazing how soon a family could demolish a supply of food if the family had no other food source available.

"I know that Deseret Enterprises Ltd. keep sacks of corn and wheat."

OTHER BASIC ITEMS TO STORE

1. Good first aid kit with anti-septic creams, dressings, dettol, vaseline, eye bath etc. etc.;
2. Lamp with oil;
3. Axe;
4. Matches and candles;
5. Toilet tissue and sanitary towels;
6. Soap;
7. Bleach or other disinfectant;
8. Shoe polish and laces;
9. Good torch and batteries;
10. Tooth paste and shaving supplies;
11. Hot water bottle;
12. Household linen sheets, towels, blankets and baby bedding;
13. Underware, stockings etc.;
14. Material and cotton to sew up.

Margaret Trevor





Thames Valley District Relief Society, headed by Madeleine Brighty, president, at a recent meeting on food storage. The discussion was led by Sis. Lilian Paterson, centre, president; Sis. Jean Rourke, right, counselor, in the London Stake Relief Society.

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT RELIEF SOCIETY FOOD STORAGE PLAN

★ Earlier this year the Thames Valley District Relief Society were privileged to have as their guest speakers Sister Lilian Paterson, president of the London Stake Relief Society and her counselor, Sister Jean Rourke. The two visiting sisters adressed the leadership meeting of the Thames Valley District.

The entire evening was devoted to the Church Food Storage plan as it is suitable for Britain. Sister Paterson explained the reasoning and need for storage and cited prophecies of famines to come.

Sister Rourke presented a practical demonstration and talk on the essentials and necessities to store.

While some of the sisters came to this leadership meeting knowing perhaps a little of the need for food storage, after this meeting all the sisters returned home with a real desire to begin storing, said Sister Madeleine Brighty, Thames Valley District Relief Society president. She said she hoped the sisters through England would become "enthused" enough about food storage that each family would embark on the programme.

25 Story Church Office Building To House All Auxiliaries



★ The First Presidency has decided construction will begin this summer on a new 25 story general Church office building in Salt Lake City.

The high-rise building will be located on the same block and immediately north of the present Church Administration Building. It will be erected under the supervision and direction of the Church Building Committee.

The building is for single occupancy —to be used exclusively for Church departments and auxiliaries, which are now housed in the Church Adminstration Building and many other buildings about the city.

The Relief Society will continue to occupy its own building on the northwest corner of the same block.

The General Authorities, including the First Presidency, Council of the Twelve Apostles, Assistants to the Twelve, Patriarch to the Church, the First Council of Seventy and the Presiding Bishopric, will continue to occupy the present Church Adminstration Building at 47 East South Temple Street.

George Cannon Young, prominent Salt Lake architet, is designer of the modern structure. The building will be erected over the three-story underground parking plaza. When the plaza



Proposed new 25-story general office building the Church will erect adjacent to Temple Square in Salt Lake City. At left is the Salt Lake Temple and right Hotel Utah. George Cannon Young is architect.

was constructed in 1964-65, the footings and steel columns upon which the new office building will be built were installed.

The building will include wings four-story high to the east and west of the centre tower. Construction will be of welded steel, with a facing of pre-cast stone in white quartzite. Floors will be of cellular steel, with a concrete wearing surface.

The double-T, hollow-core construction of the exterior surface of the building will provide built-in sun control.

The building will have two fronts—north and south—with the columns of the colonade on each side being four stories high. The main front of the building will be to the south facing a landscaped plaze between the new structure and the Church Adminstration Building.

General Information For Food Storage In Britain

★ Store foods in as dry and cool a place as possible. Do not allow to freeze and keep airtight. If no other place available, place against outside wall in winter, inside wall in summer.

Temperatures are very important, 40 degrees to 60 degrees F. is ideal, but no higher than 70 degrees F.

Date supplies as you buy them.

Don't store foods that are not usually eaten, introduce them into diet.

Always keep tins and bottles wiped clean, if insects invade, remember some foods (i.e. flour) absorb smells, so remove them before using sprays. Grains can be fumigated in oven at lowest heat for 20 minutes.

Dried fruits—Wrap in muslin and dip in boiling water for 6 seconds, thoroughly dry before resealing.

If tins bulge DO NOT USE, rusting is alright if there are no perforations, but use as soon as possible.

Replace food in store every 6 months although at 40 degrees F. it will keep 2 years or maybe longer.

Turn tins over (top to bottom) every 3-6 months to avoid settling of solids, evaporated milk should be turned every month, shake well before opening.

Tinned beans or peas should be brought to boiling point for 20 minutes before being eaten if stored 6 months or more.

Remember to store baby foods for infants or the elderly.

Fats and oils bought ready sealed will keep many years if left sealed in a cool place. To store own butter melt till oil separates from curd, pour off oil into airtight containers, store away from light, use curd in cooking.

Pack dried fruits (raisins etc.) loosely in clean dry jars. Place in coolest oven without lids for 20 minutes then seal.

Dried yeast will keep 3 months or everlasting yeast can be started. (Recipe at end).

Eggs can be stored in water glass, but don't wash eggs or protective film will be destroyed. Atlantic sailors have kept eggs fresh by smearing them with vaseline.

Peanut butter is important in our diet. (One sandwich provides 1/5th of days protein) it will keep indefinitely in original containers if in cool dark place, it MUST be stored away from light.

Cheese bought whole with rind on will keep indefinitely if wrapped in vinegar cloth. Rewrap every 6-8 months.

Dehydrated foods retain flavour and nutritive value, they keep indefinitely if packed (still in original sealed packets) into airtight containers.

Peas and beans (whole or split) need no fumigant, but seal in airtight containers.

Grains such as rice, oats, etc., treat as for wheat.

Baking powder keeps in original containers if metal or glass, NOT cardboard.

Cold storage is good, but remember there may be a power failure.

Salting and brining is another way of storing if there is a garden surplus.

Cabbages keep fresh by packing them head down in a trench dug in the garden.

Save seeds from one year to the next.

Onions store best hung up so that the air can circulate round them.

Root vegetables keep if covered with earth and straw in the garden, but remember to provide ventilation.

Honey may be stored as a change from sugar, but it must be bought from a reputable dealer. Clover honey is recommended because moisture content is low. Bought honey is already prepared for storing. Keep away from light.

We cannot hope to store adequate water supply. Hot or cold tanks will give emergency supplies, KNOW WHERE YOUR VALVE CONTROLS ARE If using hot water tank for emergency supply don't have fire burning, switch off emersion heater. Refrigerators will give limited supply. Use all empty jars for storing water, cook as for bottling tomatoes, store away from light.

Water can be purified by boiling for 5-10 minutes, if no heat available use household bleach containing hyperchlorite:

Use: One drop to each quart clear water.

Three drops to each quart cloudy water.

Thoroughly mix and leave 30 min-

utes, if not distinct taste of chlorine, redose.

Tincture of iodine may also be used for small quantites:

Use: 2-3 drops to each quart clear water.

8-10 drops to each quart cloudy water.

Purification tablets should be part of our store cupboard, they can be bought from most camping stores.

Water can be bought ready sealed for storing but it is expensive.

We can live on wheat, milk, sugar, salt and vitamin tablets. A years supply for one woman would be 300 lbs. wheat—100 lbs. powdered milk—100 lbs. sugar—5 lbs. salt—365 Multiple vitamin tablets. A man would need more, a child less than this amount.

Care of Wheat. Even if it is impracticable to store huge quantites of wheat, it is very wise to have some stored. English wheat will not store, the moisture content is too high. American or Canadian wheat can be bought from a miller (moisture content not more than 10%).

Never wash wheat, clean it over a fine sieve. It must be clean and dry and packed into metal containers, (square ones stack easier and do not waste space). DO NOT stack directly on cement floors, use wooden slats to avoid sweating.

If fumigation is desired use dry ice (ozs. in five gallon container) on bottom of container, wheat on top, don't seal till ice evaporates, approximately 30 minutes.

Buy a good hand-grinder in case of power failure.

White flour and granulated sugar should be dry and packed into dry glass or metal containers and sealed. Sugar will keep well and retain food value if dry and stored away from light. DO NOT store more flour than you would use in one year.

Store iodized salt in plastic containers. Iodine may cause discolouration but will not effect salt and gives a needed mineral.

Skim or not-fat powdered milk stores longer than full cream and there is only a little difference in food value. It must be dry and airtight, it will keep up to 2 years at 70 degrees F.

A few vitamins are damaged by heat or light, so store in dark bottles inside cartons. Gelatine capsules keep longer than tablets.

Many foods are damaged by light, and all by heat and damp so keep your store of food dry and cool and in darkness, and remember we're storing for famine, not feasting.

FOOD STORAGE

Canned Foods

Short Shelf Life. (1 to 2 Years Only)

Grape fruit Juice
Orange Juice
Black or Red Berries
Prunes
(All highly acid and pigmented foods)

Average Shelf Life. (3 to 4 Years)

Beetroot
Carrots
Green Beans
Spinach
Greens
Tomato Juice

Medium Shelf Life. (2 to 3 years)

Peaches
Pears
Apricots
Apple Sauce

Long Shelf Life (4 to 5 Years)

Peas
Corn
Lima Beans
Cooked Meats
Tomatoes

Canned milk must be turned every 30 days to prevent separation of fats. **IT MUST BE CONSUMED WITHIN ONE YEAR.**

CONDITIONS OF STORAGE

Whole vegetables such as potatoes and solid fruit such as apples (preferably cooking variety) pears, oranges, wheat, can be successfully stored for a year if kept **COOL & DRY.**

BOTTLED FOODS

All fruits, vegetables and meats properly processed in glass jars will keep equally as long as canned goods—**if STORED IN A COOL, DARK, DRY PLACE.**

Those highly acid and pigmented fruits listed under "Canned foods; short shelf life' 'can be kept longer if stored in glass jars.

QUANITITY FOR STORAGE

Adult Male (1 Year's emergency store)

Wheat	400 lbs.
Powdered Milk (non fat)	140 lbs.
Sugar	140 lbs.
Salt	7 lbs.
Multiple Vitamin Tablets	365
Water	27 Gallons
	(3,000 Calories a day)

Adult Female

Wheat	300 lbs.
Powdered Milk (non fat)	100 lbs.
Sugar	100 lbs.
Salt	5 lbs.
Multiple Vitamin Tablets	365
Water	20 Gallons
	(2,300 Calories a day)

Child

Wheat	200 lbs.
Powdered Milk (non fat)	66 lbs.
Sugar	66 lbs.
Multiple Vitamin Tablets	365
Water	14 Gallons
	(1,600 Calories a day)

This diet supplies approximately 2,300 calories per day, which is the recommended need of a 16-20 year youth, or a 25 year old woman, This would supply approximately 94 grams of protein a day, 7.6 grams of fat and 444 grams of carbohydrate.

The emergency diet for a woman would cost about £20.

Additional foods would add variety to this diet—giving greater security (physically and mentally) and better balanced diet.

Foods such as:

Soya Beans
Peanuts
Peanut Butter
Dried Beans
Rice
Dried Split Peas
Dehydrated Stew Mix
(or packeted thick vegetable soup)
Dehydrated Potatoes
Prunes
Raisins
Canned Meats

SUGGESTED EXTRAS

Hand-grinder	Radio	Small camping stove	Eye dropper
Matches	Batteries	Fuel	Baby bottle etc.
Purification tablets	Tin opener	Bleach	Torch and candles

MEDICINE CHEST

First Aid book	Cotton wool	Iodine	Needles
Gauze dressings	Eye dropper	Vaseline	Cotton
Tourniquet	Thermometer	Milk of Magnesia	Aspirin or Disprin
Bandages	Burn Salve	Sal. volatile	Codine
Sling	Safety pins	Scissors	Vicks
Adhesive dressings	Bed pan	Tweezers	Tissues

These items should be sterile and stored in large metal container.

EVERLASTING YEAST

1 qt. warm potato water
½ cake yeast
1 level tsp. salt
2 tsps. sugar
2 tablespns. flour

Stir all ingredients well, put them in a warm place to raise until ready to mix for baking. Leave a small amount of the everlasting yeast for a start next time, keep in a cool place until a few hours before ready to use again. Add the same ingredients to the yeast for the next baking.

A Homemaker Talks About Her Store Cupboard And Ours

By Sister Sadie Patricia Eagland, Leeds

★ A short time after I became a member of The Church I heard of the home storage programme and began buying a few extra items each week as I did my shopping.

I put a date on all the things as I store them in my larder, this way I use them in their correct rotation. The felt tipped pens of today are one easy means of dating the tins.

At first I was only concerned with filling the cupboards in the kitchen. When these cupboards were completely stocked floorboards were placed in the loft and a room was boarded with hardboard and shelves fitted to give ample storage to meet the requirements of my family.

It was not long before I realised that this was just another different way of housekeeping, the only safe and sensible way to cater for families in, the latter-days. I have been following this pattern for nearly eight years and I find it very rewarding and a lot easier to cater for my family.

I have learned that if a store space is dry and does not get too warm during the summer months then it is ideal for food storage. I have found that dampness and mice are the worst enemies, so my advice is to keep all things in tins and foil the mice. I have found that tinned and dried goods will keep almost indefinitely under these conditions.

GOOD ADVICE

I remember a Bro. P. Jenson who gave us excellent advice on what to

store. He said, "store what you eat and eat what you store," thus keeping everything in rotation.

Space can present a problem. Extra cupboards will help at first but as the family grows up and leaves home one or two of the bedrooms can be converted into storage space. A dry cellar is ideal for storage. If the space problem in your home cannot be solved and realizing how important this commandment is to have a stock of foods on hand for any emergency, then possibly one answer would be to locate a more suitable home and effect a change.

As money is also another big item which determines the scope of the home storage programme, I believe all members of the family should become a part of the project. Other members of the family cannot leave it all up to the mother of the home. I have learned that if your store cupboard cannot be increased from the usual housekeeping accounts then the extra money has to be earned and this can be discussed at the Family Home Evening. A good way to increase the income is baby-sitting which can be done by any responsible member of the family. Also a paper round is a good source of revenue which older sons or daughters can manage. More efficient housekeeping, more home dressmaking is often necessary because money saved is worth more than money earned under present high taxes.

MUST BE PREPARED

We are the instruments the Lord has to use to usher in the Millennial reign thus we must be prepared to do His work. We don't want to fail Him because we are short of food.

I like what the Prophet Nephi tells us in the Book of Mormon that the Lord never gives us a commandment without He prepares a way for us to accomplish the thing which He has commanded. This applies just as much in 1968 as it did in 600 B.C. Once we start to obey the commandment to store foods it is surprising how we progress and enjoy it. Our home storage programme has given my family a source of comfort knowing that we have a supply to meet emergencies and that this supply is steadily growing.

(Mrs. Eagland was a former hotel manageress in Harrogate. She and her brother now cater for factory canteens. She is first counselor in the Leeds Stake Relief Society presidency and is responsible for catering for all stake affairs.)



RECIPES FOR YOU



KEBABS WITH RAISIN RICE

8 medium-sized mushrooms
8 strips gammon
a little butter
8 ozs. American rice
4 level tbsp. canned pimentos (chopped)
4 ozs. seedless raisins

Peel mushrooms, roll strips of gammon into pinwheel shapes. Place alternately on skewers. Brush with melted butter and grill for few minutes on each side. Place rice in boiling salted water and cook gently until soft, about 15 minutes. Drain and dry rice, stir in chopped pimento and raisins and place in heated container until required. To serve, place kebabs on bed of rice. (4-6 servings)

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GERMAN APPLE SALAD

1½ ozs. seedless raisins
4 large eating apples red-skinned
1½ ozs. ground almonds
1½ ozs. walnuts (chopped)
Finely grated rind of ½ lemon
¼ pint single cream

Cover raisins with cold water, bring to boil. Cover and stand for 5 minutes. Drain. Core and slice apples. Mix all ingredients together. Sprinkle top with demerara sugar. Serve with sponge fingers. (6 servings)

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE TART

8 ozs. shortcrust pastry

Filling:

4 ozs. seedless raisins
3 ozs. butter
3 ozs. castor sugar
2 egg yolks
1 tbls. rum or brandy
2 ozs. glace cherries

Line 7-inch sandwich tin or flan ring with pastry. Cover raisins with cold water, bring to the boil and stand for five minutes. Drain. Melt butter in a saucepan with the sugar and bring to the boil, add the egg yolks and rum. Cover bottom of the flan with chopped glace cherries and raisins and pour over the egg mixture. Bake in a moderate oven (Gas No. 4 - 350 deg. F) for approx. 40 minutes, until the pastry is cooked and the filling is golden brown. (6 servings)



BARBECUED ORANGES

4 large oranges
2 ozs. chopped walnuts
4 ozs. seedless raisins
2 ozs. brown sugar

Slice top off oranges and remove flesh with a teaspoon. Cut into small pieces, and place in pan together with orange juice, chopped nuts, raisins and sugar. Place over low heat and cook for 5 minutes until ingredients are well blended. Pile into orange shells and serve hot. (4 servings)

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A BIBLE QUIZ FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN

1. Who was the first man on the earth?
2. What kind of a coat did Joseph have?
3. What was baby Moses in when he was found in the river?
4. Who was the giant that David killed?
5. Which prophet was put in the lions den?
6. Who was Jesus' mother?
7. In what kind of place was Jesus born?
8. What did they call the first garden on earth?
9. What did they call the 12 men Jesus chose to be his helpers?
10. Who made the world?

Answers: 1. Adam. 2. A coat of many colours. 3. In a basket. 4. Goliath. 5. Daniel. 6. Mary. 7. A stable. 8. Eden. 9. Apostles. 10. God & Jesus.



A BIBLE QUIZ FOR OLDER CHILDREN

1. Name Adam's first two sons.
2. What was the name of the first tower built in the Bible?
3. Name the oldest man in the Bible.
4. What happened to Lot's wife?
5. What food did God send to the people in the wilderness?
6. Who betrayed Jesus?
7. Who cut Samson's hair?
8. What 3 gifts did the wise men give baby Jesus?
9. Who baptised Jesus?
10. Who was set free when Jesus was condemned

Answers: 1 Cain & Abel. 2. Babel. 3. Methusela. 4. She was turned into a pillar of salt. 5. Manna. 6. Judas Iscariot. 7. Delilah 8. Gold, frankincense and myrrh. 9. John the Baptist 10. Barabbas.

THE FLOWER



The flower is so bright and gay,
It grows day by day.
Soft and lovely are its petals,
And its enemies are the nettles.

Through the soil and snow it pushes,
Gathering strength as on it rushes.
It needs the rain, it needs the sun,
Without them its life would be done.

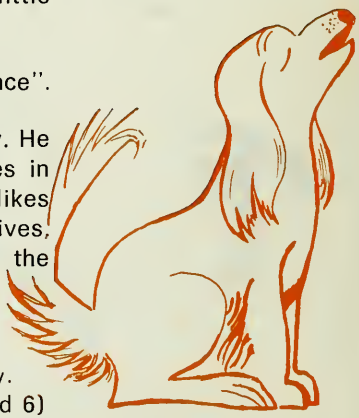
William Howe (aged 10)

PRINCE

I went one day to visit my aunt and uncle. They had a box beside the fireplace. Inside it was a small black and white ball of fluff. All of a sudden it started to move this way and that. I got a little closer and found that it was a lovely puppy.

Auntie Jenny told me she had called it "Prince".

He doesn't go into this box very much now. He jumps and runs all over when anyone comes in and he loves to try and bite my feet. He likes going for a run in the fields, near where he lives. All you can see is a little black head above the grass.



I love Prince. He makes me feel so happy.

Jill Talbot (aged 6)

These items are from the Hartlepool Ward, Sunderland Stake Primary Magazine.

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★ The NORWICH District Gold and Green Ball went with a bang as 160 members thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Greenways, Norwich, on March 22nd. The event was organised by the District M.I.A. Board, who spared no expense to ensure its success. Music was provided by the "Brian Dennis Quartet", with a brief interlude from the popular local group "The Clowns". Michael Mills of the Lowestoft Branch proved an admirable compere.

During the evening a small token of appreciation was presented to the Y.W. Activity Counselor, Margaret Smith of Lowestoft, for long, faithful and valuable service in the district. She is shortly emigrating to Salt Lake City.



Balloons were in abundance at the Norwich District Gold and Green Ball.



Margaret Smith receives a farewell present for services in the YWMIA.

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★ The following week it was the turn of the Essex District to hold their Gold and Green Ball at Southend. Approximately 150 danced to the music of the Roy Gisbey Group Douglas Watling was the compere, and he gave out many prizes during the evening. These included a large bottle of perfume to the young girl chosen by a panel which included the District President Harold W. Hunt, and the District Y.W. President Jane Botterell, to be the best dressed for a ball.

A Dutch auction was held in which £6 - 5s - Od. was raised on a lamp and a pound of wool. The money will be used to finance coaches for the British Mission Convention in September.

★ CHELMSFORD Branch held a rummage sale on 11th April. There were many stalls selling all forms of goods, which raised £24 to add to the branch budget.

They also organised a fireside on 17th April, when two films were shown to about 25 people. The evening was enjoyable and introduced six investigators to the members and helped them to understand more about our beliefs. At the close of the evening the M.I.A. girls served refreshments they had prepared.

★ The weather was kind to the ESSEX District on 19th April, when they held their ball game finals at Southend. Most branches in the district were represented and the games very exciting; extra time had to be played to find a winner. Five-a-side football, table tennis and netball were all played during the afternoon.

★ Leonard Reed recently left Cambridge to serve a two-year proselyting mission in Ireland. He is the second full time missionary to be sent from the branch and is following in the footsteps of his old friend and district missionary companion, Elder Bruce Cockford, who left for Ireland in January.

Elder Reed was an enthusiastic and determined member of the Cambridge Branch holding many offices including those of Sunday School teacher, district missionary and assistant superintendent in the Y.M.M.I.A.

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★ A Hawaiian style "Spring Dance" was held at the COLCHESTER Chapel in the Ipswich District on April 12th. The hall was appropriately decorated with palm trees, flowers and typical South Sea scenes, and the dancers wore colourful garlands. The Master of Ceremonies was John Cook of Colchester, and the music was provided by a well known local pop group.

During intermission, entertainment in the form of floor shows and popular quartets was provided by some of the branches in attendance. Hawaiian style food and punch was available for the energetic dancers.

★ A "Night in the Orient" was chosen by the GORLESTON Branch M.I.A. to boost their building fund. Fancy dress was a must, and quite a variety of "Eastern Folk" turned up to sample the different flavoured curries served during the evening.

This was only one of the building fund projects held during March, when they had a special drive to raise funds. They obtained permission from Woolworths Ltd., to use one of their empty shops in Gt. Yarmouth Market Place. Then they collected and sold jumble, furniture, white elephants, and some articles which had been donated. The shop was opened on three Saturdays, 15th, 22nd and 29th March, and a total of £91 was raised. Their Building fund now stands at over £1,200.

★ A social evening sponsored by the KING'S LYNN Branch on April 5th was held at the East Winch Hall. Anthony Frost conducted the evening which was also attended by members from the Norwich Branch. The programme opened with the three Bunn sisters singing songs from the musical "The Sound of Music", then Norwich Branch provided skits and comedies which greatly amused the 80 people who attended. They then continued with a presentation of the Cha-Cha-Cha and dancing to records, and later on "the Clowns" took over. Games of knowledge and skill followed by refreshments concluded the evening.

★ An "Easter Fair" was organised by the NORWICH Branch on April 17th, and over 50 people attended. The entertainment, under the supervision of Pres. Kenneth Warren, commenced with a soccer match between 8 missionaries and 8 mem-

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bers, whose team included two members of the branch presidency. The members scored 11 goals to the Elders 9, but the missionaries showed their vigor and strength by knocking one of the opposing team unconcious!

After the match stalls sold miscellaneous items and games of skill were played. Later there was some mystical entertainment by Pres.Jeffrey Packe of the Ipswich Branch, and his wife was presented with a pair of ear-rings.

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★ WIRRAL Branch Relief Society gave a splendid dinner to the sisters and their husbands for the Anniversary celebrations. Sister Gaunt, the president and Sister K. Taylor, secretary, spent a busy day preparing the meal, and they are to be congratulated on their culinary powers. Guests of honour included Brother and Sister Fullwood, Brother and Sister Stevens and Sister M. Sephton of the mission board. Entertainment by the members later was excellent, particularly the guitar playing and singing of the talented Miller family.

★ A most interesting and pleasant evening was spent by the members of the LIVERPOOL District when they visited the Picton Library at Liverpool at the invitation of the City Archivist, Mr. N. Carrick, B.A. F.L.A. He gave them a guided tour of many of the city's treasures, showing maps, transcripts and pictures, as well as explaining how to use the many books of interest to genealogists. There are many resources in our public libraries that the majority are unaware of, and the books just lie there waiting to be used.

★ BEVERLEY Branch held a "Grand Folk Dance" on March 22nd, with music by the Polly Elliott Group, assisted by Ian Swaney on his accordion, who travelled over from York especially to help. Entertainment was provided by Mike Harper, who played his guitar and sang with his friend Martin. Delicious refreshments were on sale, including hot

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dogs, cake, pop and crisps, and a profit of £7 was made for the Branch Budget.

★ On March 29th the HULL DISTRICT Knock Out tournament was held at the York Chapel and a local school. The winners go forward to play other districts towards the Manchester finals. Results were as follows. Mixed Volleyball: Beverley Branch Team. Netball: York Branch Team. Single Womens table tennis: Scarborough. Single mens table tennis: David Fenwick, Beverley. Womens doubles table tennis: Joan Thistleton/Myra Kennington. Beverley. Mens Basketball: East Hull. Mens 5-a-side football: East Hull.

Winners of the Hull District Handicrafts Competition were announced at the District Gold and Green Ball on Easter Monday. 1st places were given in Needlework—Susan Arnott; Knitting-Sis Weekly; Toys—Julie Holmes; Photography—Alan Wilkinson; Woodwork—Mike Dobson.

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SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ On March 28th, the CORNWALL District Y.W.M.I.A. held an Honour Night for the girls and leaders who had achieved awards for the year ending August 1968. Each sister was presented with her award and a spray of pink carnations by the District President, Graham Pearce.

Also during the evening the M.I.A. bade farewell to Anita Jennings, who is shortly to be married and will be living in Utah. She has served as 1st Counselor in the District M.I.A. presidency for 3 years. In gratitude for all her fine efforts, Y.W. President Crystal Pearce, presented her with a gift from the District M.I.A. Refreshments took the form of a Beans and Bread Supper, after which an auction of home-made cakes and sweets, all donated by the Y.W. Presidency, was held to raise funds for the district roadshow, "Camelot".

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Holyhead Coastguard Station was the scene of a lively evening's entertainment when the sisters of Relief Society organised a party to celebrate the Birthday Anniversary. About twelve members of the BANGOR Branch attended.

The evening began with a play, adapted to be read as a "Radio Play", called "A Little Bit of Heaven" and was followed by a very fine meal rounded off by a psychedelic trifle consisting of every colour of the rainbow.

On display at the party was a large collection of dolls from all parts of the world, collected by Rosalie Murton from Holyhead. The evening continued with a few games which everyone enjoyed and was regarded by all as a tremendous success.

★ To celebrate April Fools' Day, the HEREFORD Branch held a "Krazy Nite". Several games of a completely crazy character were enjoyed with the losers paying the necessary forfeits.

As four members of the branch celebrated their birthdays within a week of each other, a combined party was held for them. Before the refreshments were served and the birthday cake cut, the forty guests enjoyed light-hearted games and activities, organised by George Burton. The sisters who were celebrating their birthdays, Myra Burton, Rozina Hampton and Audrey Prosser, each received a spray of flowers, while Jim Macklin was presented with his certificate of ordination as a priest. After singing the time-honoured "Happy Birthday", everyone was entertained by the branch Folk Group.

"Finda Member Week" was a tremendous success in Hereford, despite several extremely heavy rain storms experienced during tracting. Forty-eight teams participated in the week's work. The New Mission-Aires created a great deal of interest when they sang in the town centre on the Saturday afternoon, despite the counter attraction of the cup final on television. In the evening over fifty non-members attended the social and a question and answer period closed the evening's entertainment, the programme being ably compered by Ken Gorman.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ On March 23rd, the Branches of Ayr, Cathkin, Dumfries, Dunoon, East Kilbride, Greenock, Hamilton, Kilmarnock and Stevenston, were formed into the newly organised Scottish South District. Ronald F. Lovell was sustained as president, with Alexander Cumming as 1st counselor, and Malcolm Keir, as 2nd counselor, with Harold Wilde as district clerk. The following brethren were called as District Councilmen; Edwards Stevens, George Kerr, Harold Wilde, William Tate, David Wilde, James Irvine, John Connor, and Ronald McLeod. Named as Sunday School superintendent was George Kerr, and as Elders Quorum president, Edward Stevens.

CORRECTION

★ We have been asked to state that the correct address of John Thomson is 112, Polworth Road, Torry, Aberdeen. Not 298, Hardgate, as reported in the April issue.

★ On March 30th at the Scottish Northern District Conference held at Dundee, Pres. Alistair Smith of the Scottish Mission Presidency was sustained as president of the Aberdeen Branch.



Pres. Alastair J. F. Smith

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★ On April 19th the Stake M.I.A. held a three hour workshop on how to produce a Roadshow. Over 30 leaders received instruction from Supt. Bill Sheppard, Hal Hannan, Susan Bartholomew, Pauline Doggett and Vincent Turner. The workshop concluded with impromptu drama led by David Fletcher, to show how a cast could be "warmed up" at rehearsals and prepared to give of their best in the production.

The Stake Table Tennis Tournament took place the same day at HYDE PARK Chapel, and 42 competitors took part, supported by a large crowd of spectators. CATFORD Branch won most of the events, with Geoffrey Davey winning the men's singles and with his partners, the men's doubles and mixed doubles. The winners in all sections competed against the British Mission during May.

Earlier in the day the Stake 11-a-side football team had beaten the team from the IPSWICH District, representing the British Mission in the Mark E. Petersen Cup, by 15 goals to nil.

★ If the power to communicate is the sign of a good Church leader, then the Stake will not be short of leaders for the future, judging from the Speech Festival at HYDE Park. There was a good supporting audience and they were not disappointed as the young people had generally prepared well and performed effcetively and confidently.

In the Junior Section, Julie Noyce, gained a well warranted "Superior" rating. In the same section Jennifer Dawes and Dawn Floyd were rated "Excellent" and Stephen Harris, Ann Campbell, Stephen Turner, Lee Sheppard, Joe Bushnell, Dennis Burns, Paul Jolliffe and Marion Jolliffe all received Very Good ratings.

For the Senior Section the following gained "Excellent" ratings; Susan Bartholomew, Timothy Green, Steven Brown and Karen Oswell. Six others were given "Very Good" awards.

★ On March 15th members of the London Stake held their commemoration of the formation of the Relief Society celebrations. The Relief Society Presidency for the Stake, Lilian Paterson, Pearl Sailes and Jean Rourke, and Secretary Annie Mount were hostesses to a large

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gathering which included Stake President Joseph Hamstead and wife Margaret. The evening took the form of a social and dance, and a cabaret of talented performers entertained during an interval between session of dancing. An excellent meal was also provided by Paddy and Jean Rourke.

★ A Laurel Standards Evening was held at SOUTH LONDON Chapel on April 5th, under the direction of the Stake Laurel Leader, Sheila Dawn Harrison, and the Laurel Committee Chairman Ann Mount. They were assisted by Wendy Reagan and Kathleen Munn, leaders of the Hyde Park and Epsom Wards respectively.

During the programme the Laurel Crest was given by Heather Green of Epsom, and Daniel Harrison of North London Ward played a piano solo, the poem "Down to Earth" was recited by Ann Mount. Guest Speaker for the evening was Margaret Hamstead. Wendy Reagan provided refreshments.

★ A hungry crowd gathered at "Paulines Place" on April 11th, to celebrate the Stake M.I.A. Board's Annual Party. They were welcomed by Pauline Doggett who had everything wonderfully well organised, from food to music and unusual party games.

Unfortunately, the Y.M. Superintendent, Bill Sheppard, was unable to attend because of illness, and Stake President Joseph Hamstead was attending General Conference, but he was charmingly represented by Sister Hamstead.

The party commenced with a rather intellectual game, which tested the memories and literary expertise of the guests, and finished with a very amusing song composed and sung by Sister Doggett, which informed them that M.I.A. is "Most efficacious in every place"!

★ The Stake GLEMM Council organised a very successful Hootenanny on April 26th. More than 50 young people attended the event held at the North London Chapel.

Square dancing was led by Marquitta Leavitt of the North London Ward, and entertainment was also provided by members from Hyde Park, Luton, North London and Croydon Wards. Linda Cory and Linda Halliday sang duets and solos, David Fletcher also sang, and Julie Noyce told the sad tale of "Little Ethylred".

LEEDS STAKE

★ Recently completed is an original painting which is the work of David Beevers and Bishop Smithson of the Leeds Ward. It is a great attraction for visitors and investigators to the Leeds Chapel and shows the main phases in the Plan of Salvation, and the glorious exaltation which man may achieve if he is faithful to the saving principles of the Gospel.

★ A combined 21st birthday party and social evening provided fun, dancing and games for the members of the BRADFORD Ward on March 22nd. The celebration was to honour Susan Vains who is attending Teacher Training College in the city. True to form the food and entertainment were good and plentiful.

★ BRADFORD'S Stake Missionaries co-operated with the Full Time Missionaries to hold a Missionary evening on March 23rd. After the special Sacrament service in which talks on missionary themes and testimonies of newly baptised members were presented, the film, "The Mormons" was shown. The high attendance and good response has ensured many such programmes in the future.

★ HUDDERSFIELD Ward's Aaronic Priesthood Dinner was held on March 29th at the Stakehouse. Aaronic Priesthood brethren, both Youth and Adult, together with their wives and sweethearts, held a testimony meeting before sitting down to a dinner of roast turkey. The dinner, which was prepared by the Aaronic Priesthood Advisors, Albert Kirk and Christopher Morris, was served by girls from the Laurel class. The evening ended with a showing of the film "Highlights of Church History".

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LEICESTER STAKE

★ It was fiesta time again at WOODSETTON on March 15th, when the young people staged their second Continental discoteque in the space of one month. Snow blizzards had prevented their first effort in February from fulfilling its main aim, to pay off a debt incurred at Christmas by delivering parcels to old people. There were no hitches

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this time however, and the organisers were more than pleased with the £6 profit they made.

Colourful posters, fishing nets and European greetings decorated the walls, and candle-lit tables covered with check cloths were shaded by large umberellas. The continental buffet, which included spaghetti bolognese, expertly contrived by chef de cuisine, Monsieur Pierre, (alias Peter Drew) and an array of tempting delicacies were served by an assortment of continental misses in national costumes.

Mademoiselle Margaret Davies and Senorita Gwenda Hughes introduced the various cabaret items, and top of the bill were the very popular Mission-Aires.

★ The Stake Centre at Leicester was the venue for the Aaronic Priesthood Youth 5-a-side football tournament and annual dinner on April 5th. Six teams entered for the 12-15 age group and for the 16-20 years. They had an excellent afternoon with competition running high, and great excitement and enthusiasm from the spectators as they supported their own teams. It ended with BIRMINGHAM and LEICESTER Wards being in both of the finals, and with the BIRMINGHAM teams just wining the two cups after very close games, when each had to be finished by penalty scoring.

Later 45 boys and 23 adults gathered for the dinner, which was prepared by Sisters Poole, Lenton, Cooper and Porter. The pleasure and thanks of the diners was shown to each of these sisters by the presentation of bouquets to them, and by three very hearty cheers which nearly raised the roof. Twelve young sisters from the M.I.A. acted as waitresses.

After dinner speeches were given by three of the boys who had taken part in the games, Guest speaker, John Madsen, of the Church Seminary Programme, and Pres. Poole, who presented the cups.

★ A Fish and Chip supper was held by the Relief Society sisters of SOUTH BIRMINGHAM Ward, as a Birthday treat on March 20th. The meal was served by Maureen Byrne, Mary Nash and Linda Shaw, and afterwards each sister present received a leather book mark as a souvenir.

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★ SOUTH BIRMINGHAM Ward joined with the NORTHFIELD Branch on March 28th to hold an Easter Bonnet social. Prizes were awarded in three classes and the creations judged were varied and often amusing, ranging from a top hat with a weather vane, to a school boy's cap. The children's prize was won by Jennifer and Paul Wilkins, while Mary Nash took the prize in the ladies section and Brother Wilkins was first among the brethren. Refreshments were provided by the Y.W.M.I.A., and Gerald Shaw, helped by Arnold Russell, compered the programme and made it a swinging Easter Social.

During the evening the Relief Society held their bazaar, when the stalls were decorated with an Easter and Springtime theme, with yellow chicks and spring flowers. The proceeds went towards the ward budget.

★ WALSALL Branch set off across Cannock Chase, in beautiful sunshine on their Easter Saturday ramble, after adopting a pine twig as their emblem and "Pretty Fine Prime Pine Patrol" as their name.

Their path led through trees, where the children suddenly became Tarzans or animals all with very healthy lungs, then it was off into the wide open spaces towards a picnic lunch by a fast flowing stream. There most of the party just sat enjoying the sunshine, while Pres. Kenneth Degville and Stanley Woods ran up hill and down dale after the younger boys.

On the homeward journey the weary but happy crowd reached the bus stop with just enough energy to switch on the radio to listen in to the boat race, but all agreed it had been a perfect day.

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★ Congratulations to Brother and Sister Frank Johnson of the South Shields Ward, who have won many prizes for their handicrafts and knitting. The couple now in retirement, find much pleasure in their hobby;

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both knit only with wool from the Shetland Isles, where Sister Johnson was born.



Bro. and Sis. Frank Johnson with some of their prize winning Shetland wool sweaters.

★ Primary Mother Connie Hill, of SUNDERLAND Ward, organised an outing to the Sunderland Empire to see the show "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". The Primary children and all who attended had a wonderful time. Sweets and ice cream were extra treats and very much enjoyed.

★ The NEWCASTLE full-time missionaries after recently defeating the local Elders group at basketball, accepted a match with Northumberland College of Education, and beat them 72-52. A further match is now planned, when it is hoped that the missionaries will be able to join in a discussion and partake of light refreshments afterwards.

The M.I.A. held a mixed doubles tables tennis handicap competition which proved very popular. Lesley Anderson and Jerral Pulley the winners, were each presented with a small box of chocolates. Coaching in table tennis by Pat Prendergast and John Beattie has been a great help to those who were keen to take part in the matches. Two other recent features are badminton coaching by Patricia Standing and Norman Prendergast, and before the normal sports programme on Tuesday evenings, there is a half hour of physical education to music instructed by Sister Cooper.

When the Relief Society held a Jumble Sale recently, they raised £17 towards the Ward Budget and their own funds.

★ BILLINGHAM Ward M.I.A. Easter

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Dance held on April 5th was voted a big success by those who attended. Members from other wards were invited and people came from Hartlepool, Peterlee and Redcar. The programme was varied and included some elimination dances, for which Easter eggs were given as prizes. The Easter Bonnet Parade and the competition for the best decorated egg were judged by Sister Joyce from Redcar Branch and Brother Wheldon from Hartlepool Ward. Prizes went to Valerie Johnson and Jane Gizzie of Billingham.

★ Members from Billingham, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Redcar combined for an Easter Monday-Hike. Forty-eight people set off from Guisborough and it was not long before they encountered thick mist. Somehow, in the mist, the company took the wrong path and emerged in sunshine at the base of Captain Cook's Monument, instead of the foot of Roseberry Topping! However they made the best of the situation and climbed up to the monument instead. Despite the bad weather, which persisted for most of the day, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and there were plenty of aching muscles to testify that the hike had been successful.

★ At the MIDDLESBROUGH Ward conference on April 13th, Phillip Henry (Bill) Henwood, was sustained as the 2nd counselor in the Bishopric, replacing George A. Horton, who was released prior to his return home to America. Brother Henwood and his wife Hilda have been in the Church for 18 months, and have four daughters, Frances, Jean, Kathryn and Adrienne.

★ The Stake Gold and Green Ball was combined this year with the Students Convention Dance. The Convention was held in Sunderland prior to the Ball, which was on 29th March. The cultural hall of the Stakehouse was decorated with masses of silver streamers by the students, and the dance was well attended by visitors to the convention and the stake members. Elder Marion D. Hanks, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, who presided at the Convention, was also present at the Ball.

★ The 1st Quorum of Elders of the Sunderland Stake, held a Dinner Dance at the Hartlepool Ward on April 20th. As well as members and their wives, the invitation was also

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extended to the high priests in the wards covered by the quorum. Stake Pres. F. W. Oates and his wife, and Pres. and Sister Smith were guests of honour for the evening.

A three course dinner was cooked and served by members of the quorum, and was very enjoyable. Several of the wards contributed to the evening. Albert Toyne, 1st counselor in the quorum presidency, from Middlesbrough, recited the monologue "Albert and the Lion", Redcar, Peterlee and Billingham all gave short skits, and Hartlepool presented their own hilarious rendering of "Old MacDonald's Farm".

The compere for the evening was Alex Stewart of Billingham Ward, who is 2nd counselor in the quorum, and Bro. Wheldon of Hartlepool was in charge of the records and dancing. May Gardner and Doris Laurie of Hartlepool decorated the hall, which looked very attractive. They made flowers for the dinner tables and the stage held a special arrangement illustrating the unity between the member wards and branches of the 1st Elders Quorum.

★ GATESHEAD M.I.A. organised a hike to Hulme Park, the estate of the Duke of Northumberland, Approximately 50 saints enjoyed the walk through the beautiful park and farm land. Of special interest was a high tower, designed like a wedding cake, from which the surrounding area could be viewed.

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TEMPLE NOTE

★ There have been some slight changes in hours for the various Saturday sessions at the London Temple according to Temple Pres. Dougald C. McKeown.

The first session begins at 6.45 a.m. with closing time at 6.20 a.m. The second session begins at 9 a.m. and the third at 11.15 a.m., with the closing time being 20 minutes earlier in each case.

Pres. McKeown notes that there is NO 3 p.m. session on Saturdays as previously held but rather other sessions may be scheduled by appointment only.

CONGRATULATIONS



BIRTHS

★ Jan. 23rd—To John and Caroline McInnes, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mission, a daughter, Joy.

★ February 16th—To Tommy and Diane Akenhead, Reading Branch, British South Mission, a son, Jared Wilkin.

★ March 5th—To Derek and Anne Murphy, formerly of Bangor Branch, now of South Shields Ward, Sunderland Stake, a son, Darryl Mark.

★ March 16th—To Bill and Shirley Howe, Hartlepool Ward, Sunderland Stake, a son, Jonathan.

★ March 19th—To David and Susan Jackson (nee Haines,) formerly of Gorleston Branch, now of Leicester Stake, a son, Ian David.

★ March 21st—To Ken and Christine Rowley, Chelmsford Branch, British Mission, a son, Richard Willis.

★ March 24th—To Stuart and Eileen Derby, formerly of the Preston District, now of the Scottish North District, a son, Byron Dylan.

★ March 25th—To Thomas and Jean Sinton, Gateshead Branch, Sunderland Stake, a son, Robert Ingo.

★ March 25th—To Gordon and June Beharrell, Shrewsbury Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Mark Christian.

★ March 29th—To Alan and Jane Holmes, Northampton Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Amanda Jane.

BIRTHS

★ April 1st—To Bill and Jennie Patterson, Stamford Branch Central British Mission, a son, Luke Jared.

★ To Peter and Margaret Tennant, South Birmingham Ward, Leicester Stake, a son, Nicholas John.

★ April 19th—To Leslie and Barbara McDermott, in Vancouver, Canada, (formerly of Sunderland Ward) a daughter.

★ Pierre and Noreen Croguennec of Walsall Branch, travelled to the Temple at Easter to have their young adopted son, Paul Francois, sealed to them.

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ENGAGEMENTS

★ Ivy Jean Ferguson to Harold Sims both of Gateshead Branch.

★ Heather Jeannett Haines of Gorleston Branch to Christopher Alexander Batchford of Beckenham.

★ Patrica Ann Patrick to Collin Young Frances, both of Gateshead Branch.

★ June Abbot of Ipswich Branch to Ronnie Bray of Huddersfield Ward.

MARRIAGES

★ James Gray, formerly a building missionary from Scotland who worked on the Nottingham Chapel and then stayed on in the Ward, was married on April 14th to Madeleine Joan Buxton. The bride wore a long dress and coat of pale pink chiffon and carried a white Bible. The honeymoon was spent in Italy.

★ Joyce Storrow of Middlesbrough was married to Robert Robson of Newcastle on March 26th. The wedding took place at the Middlesbrough Chapel and was attended by many of the members from the two wards.

The bride wore a blush-pink suit and carried a Bible and a spray of flowers. The two young bridesmaids, Pauline Richards and Adrienne Henweed, wore velvet dresses in a shade that matched the bride's suit, and the Matron of Honour, Mrs. Joyce Hurren, wore a deep green velvet dress.

The couple went to the Temple the following day, and spent their honeymoon in Surrey. They have now settled in Middlesbrough.



Joyce Storrow and Robert Robson after their wedding at Middlesbrough Chapel.

SILVER WEDDING

★ Arthur and Phyllis Gibbs of Gorleston Branch, celebrated their Silver wedding anniversary with a party at the Norwich Chapel on March 29th. Over 120 saints and friends gathered to wish them well, and they received many lovely cards and gifts. Brother and Sister Gibbs are well loved and respected in both the Norwich District and the British Mission because of the wonderful work they have done in the M.I.A.

OBITUARY

★ William Alan Frayer of Gateshead Branch, died on January 21st. His four sons carried him to his final resting place. Brother Frayer joined the Church in 1923 and was active until his death. He held many positions within the Church including that of Branch President, and he was well loved in the branch, especially by the children, when he played Santa Claus each Christmas.



Panel discussing organic evolution at student meet. From left, Peter Joyce, Chris Freeman, Elder Marion D. Hanks, Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr. and Gilbert McCabe. (Photo — Roger J. Ball)

Report on the Student Convention

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to the
Executive Committee

★ John Madsen said it was the finest student convention that he had ever attended; those, however, who had less comparative experience could just describe it as fine, pure and simple.

Bro. Madsen had set the mood in the devotional assembly. Co-ordinator of the British Seminary District, he talked of the coming revelation of all knowledge, denied the need for dichotomy between spirit and intellect, and challenged us to use all our enthusiasm in the service of the Lord.

Following this opening was a sequence of graded group activities leading to greater involvement with the problems of maintaining attitudes and standards in college. Robert Moore, Scarborough Branch president and student at North Riding College of Education, spoke of the need for greater involvement in the community; Gwen Cannon, editor of the Youth Section of the Millennial Star, spoke of the possibility of integrating demands of both Church and college; and Pres. J. W. Child, of the British South Mission and Church Sponsor to the organisers—the Deseret Club in the University of Oxford—spoke of the student's primary responsibility before the Lord. He differentiated between matters of principle and matters of preference. The remarks of these three were in turn considered by the Conventioners in small groups before, as a reconvened body, they discussed with the speakers the purport and implications of the remarks they had heard.

A fringe panel, consisting of Elder Marion D. Hanks, Joseph Hamstead, a



Students at annual convention at Leicester Stake Centre. (Photo — Roger J. Ball)

biochemist, and president of the London Stake, and two recent graduates: Christopher J. Freeman (in Petrology from Imperial College) and Gilbert J. R. L. McCabe (Modern Languages from Christ Church, Oxford) discussed evolution, censorship, contraception, abortion, exegesis and church administration, amongst other topics. Again and again the necessity of coming in faith to a personal decision was emphasised as conventioners appreciated the freedom offered in the Church positions.

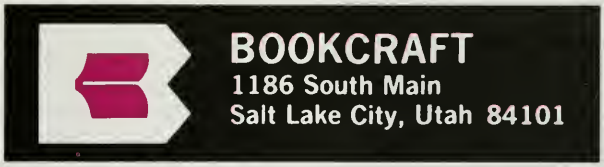
Workshop situations, devised by David Foote of Glasgow University, were presented to the groups: drugs, morality, missionary work, the challenge of maintaining spirituality were considered. Ronald Asher of Manchester University conducted the Sunday morning session which concluded with the sacrament and testimony bearing. Before this Pres. Frederick W. Oates, Sunderland Stake, had spoken about compassion, and Pres. George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission, showed aspects of the proposition "They Taught as Teachers". The chairman of the executive committee, Peter L. Joyce of Wadham College, Oxford, spoke on the theme "Must We Compromise?". The nature of truth and the necessity of keeping the Holy Spirit emerged from a talk closely argued from the Olive Leaf. And of course Elder Hanks spoke: amongst other things challenging students to share the insight of Dickens, of Yeats, of Alma; challenging us to make these either the best or worst of times.

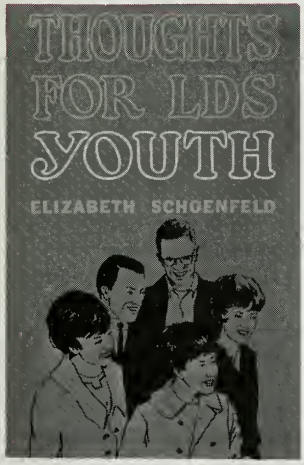
Michael G. Jones of the Queen's University, Belfast, had worked hard on sports activities; pre-breakfast runs and basketball, and games of hockey and netball as well as workouts in the gym. He was assisted in these by Heather Jennings from the Lady Mabel College of Physical Education.

The conventioners really enjoyed themselves in a Community Service Project, digging gardens and getting to know the old people they were visiting. Kay Moorby—worked with the stake catering committee under Sister Constance Hill and succeeded in breaking down what reserve was left in having the conventioners involve themselves in free dramatic expression.

The ball was a joint Gold and Green with the Sunderland Stake MIA, and a great success. Other social activities were the responsibility of Peter Davies from the Huddersfield Polytechnic. A happening happened to open the convention, and a barbecue on Sunderland's Roker Beach kept it moving well. And so on.

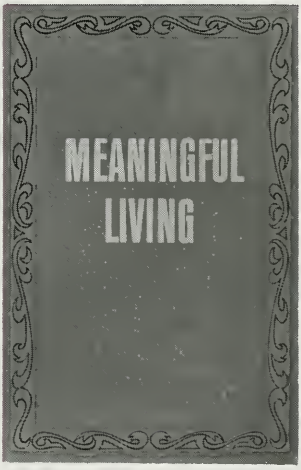
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'Star' Advisor Named as Regional Manager To Printing Industry Board

by Gwen Cannon

★ Living on the edge of the jungle in a barbed wire compound; carrying a machine gun as personal equipment, changing cars and routes daily on repetitive journeys; expecting danger and living with it was a way of life for the William Brown-Lees in the 1950's in Malaya. It was during this period when Communist forces were making subversive but determined attacks on the organised government there. Brother Brown-Lee went to Malaya as an accountant for a tin mining group but his duties were soon extended to production. He even served as an assistant on board the dredges, a boat-like device which floats on its own lake and extracts the alluvial tin.

His talents were put to good use in the community, as well. He became the Honorary Inspector of Police, Honorary Game Warden, Protector of the Aborigines, and Protector of the new village of Bali. He was the assessor of the Criminal Court of Appeal and Supervisor of the first free elections.

Living abroad was not a new experience for the Brown-Lees. Five months after his marriage to Gillian Smith, Bill was sent to West Africa by the West African Shipping Company as part of the west coast staff. Later he was transferred to Ghana, where his wife joined him.

Brother Brown-Lee was born in Leigh, Lancashire, a cotton and mining town of 65,000 people. He commented that due to his family's frequent moves he attended many and varied schools. When he reached college age his in-

terests were in engineering and football. He played in trials with both Manchester City and the Bolton Wanderers.

In 1947 at the end of the war he joined the forces. He claims he has a near record for a short army career. He was a soldier for 256 days, became ill, and received a medical discharge.

This same year he took his first job as a wage clerk and checker for a building and civil engineering company. He worked for this firm for three years and ended his time with them as cashier/accountant. Later, he was involved in the quarrying and re-construction of a city sewage scheme and open cast coal mining in which after his own 12-hour shift, he would drive an excavator and bulldozer.

At nineteen he was chairman of a Youth Board on which his future wife also served. She had been a student at the New Physical Education College. They were married a year later at Rochdale, Lancashire.

From these interesting beginnings Brother Brown-Lee rose to be Managing Director of Impress Printing and Design, chairman of Marketing Design and Display Ltd., and was an executive of Target Press Ltd. He has now been appointed Regional Manager for the South West Region of the newly organised Printing and Publishing Industry Training Board at Bristol.

The Brown-Lees were contacted by the missionaries in December, 1962 and became members of the Church in February, 1963. Brother Brown-Lee's leadership abilities were soon recognised and he was appointed as a counselor in the Branch Presidency within three months of his baptism. He has served in the Midlands West District Presidency and has been President of the High Wycombe Branch. He is on the board of Desert Enterprises Ltd., Great Britain, and serves as an advisor to the Millennial Star.

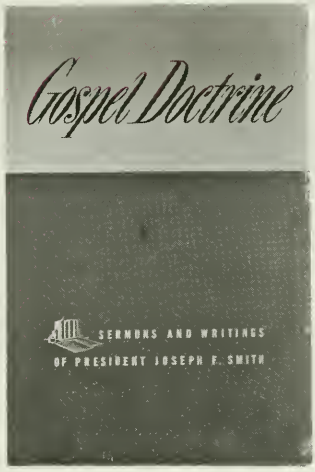
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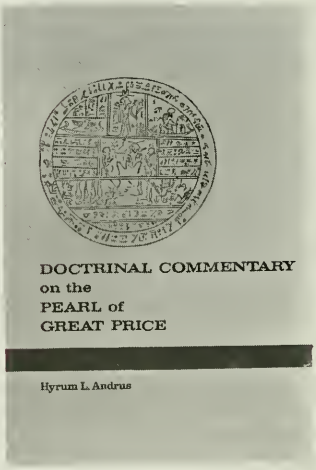
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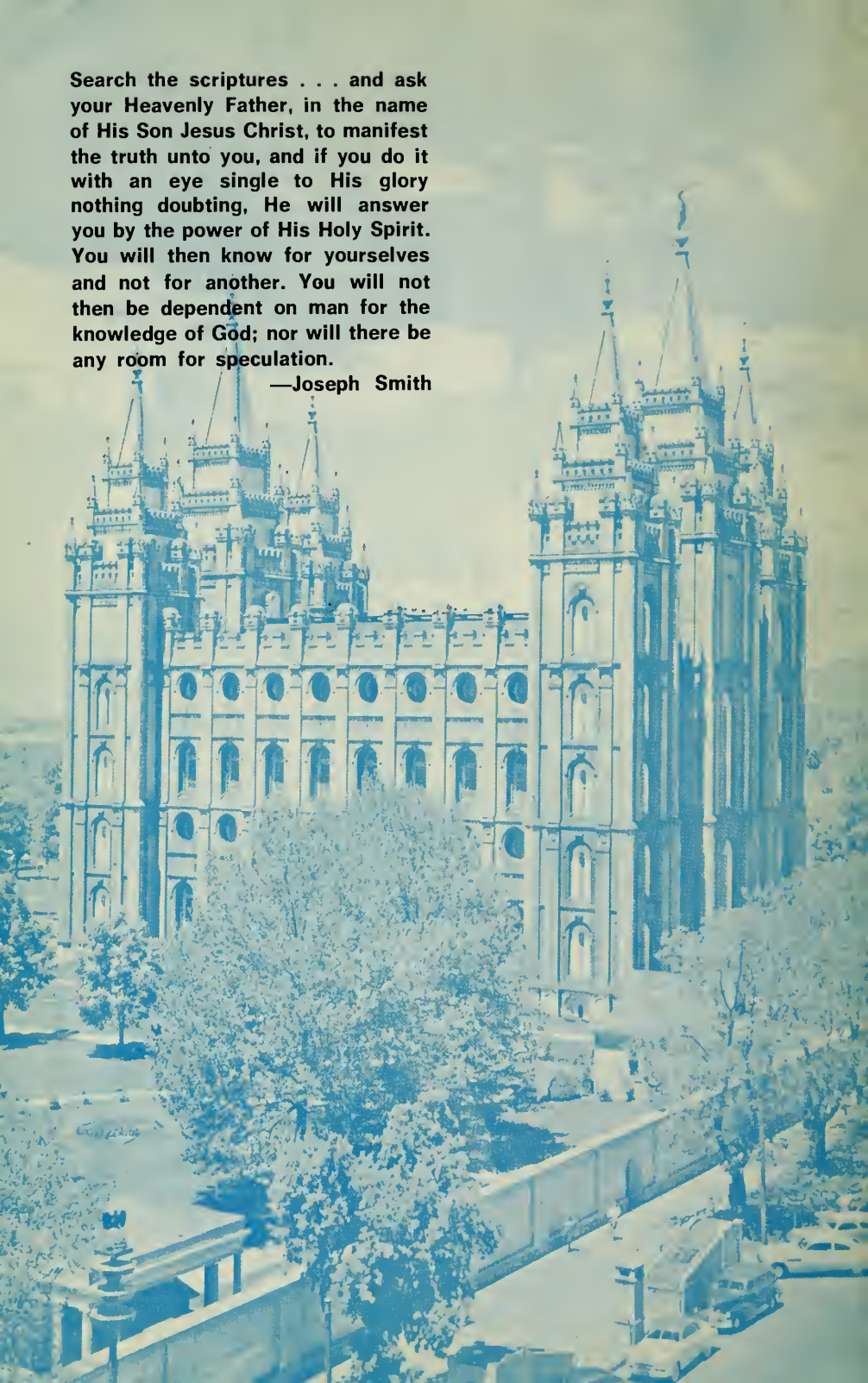


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Successful Rancher, Realtor Presides Over North British Mission

LENARD DOYLE ROBISON
Mission President

★ Pres. Robison was born at Garrison, Utah in 1917, and spent his early life on a ranch near Willards Creek. In 1924 the family moved to Snake Valley where he was obliged to walk 2½ miles in order to attend a little one roomed school house. A year later the family moved again, this time to Spring Valley where he rode on horseback, 5 miles to and from school in Shingle Creek. When he began the tenth year of his education it became necessary to travel an even greater distance to continue his education, so he went to live with his aunt. Following his graduation from Baker High School in 1934, he attended the L.D.S. Business College in Salt Lake City.

Four years later he married LaVon Irene Wade, and took his beautiful young bride to the Nevada Ranch which he co-partnered with his brother. There he continued to work with livestock as he had in his youth, and Sister Robison set about making a home for herself and her new husband. Later they were blessed with two fine sons, Norman Lenard and Lowell James, both of whom filled honourable missions and returned home to marry and complete their college education, as well as giving active service in the Church. Pres. and Sister Robison now have two grandsons, one aged 3 years and the other only a few months.

Following many years of ranching and livestock work in Nevada, Pres. Robison moved to Reno, where he and his brother started a real estate and insurance business. Whatever his occupation, Pres. Robison has been actively engaged in Church responsibilities. While living in Garrison, he became a counselor in the Branch Presidency, then after moving to Reno, he served as both first and second counselor in the Mt. Rose Ward Bishopric. Prior to this he held executive positions in Sunday School and the Elders Quorum. He has been Bishop of the Mt. Rose Ward, a Stake High Councilman and later first counselor in the Stake Presidency. Before his



Pres. Lenard D. Robison and Sister LaVon I. Robison.

call as President of the North British Mission he served as a member of the Priesthood Missionary Committee and was the clerk in the Reno Stake.

Sister Robison also has a long record of Church activity including work in the ward and stake Primary, Sunday School and in the Reno Stake Relief Society Presidency. Just prior to their mission call, Sister Robison served as an In-Service leader in the Ward Primary and took part in both ward and stake Singing Mothers Choruses.

Pres. Robison tirelessly leads his adopted sons and daughters, as he calls the North British Missionaries. Having worked with the youth in the Church previously, he is able to aid and council skillfully and lovingly to all those under his charge. The key to his nature is a loving, kind disposition and a deep desire to serve the Lord. The Elders and Sisters who work under him have learned to love him for his command of the operation of the mission and his ability to meet any new challenge with humility and overcome it.

J. ALAN CUBBON
Counselor to President Robison

★ Pres. Cubbon and his wife Beryl had just returned from their honeymoon when the missionaries called on them, so they say they made a good start to their married life when they were baptised in May 1952. After waiting fourteen years they were blessed with a longed-for son, Mark, who is now four years old. The family travel around the mission together on all possible occasions as Pres. Cubbon has many assignments that take him away from home.

In private life he is in the Confectionery business with his brothers and cousins. They manage a central bakery in Liverpool and 21 shops. When, or if, he has any spare time he likes to work in the garden, he is also keenly interested in genealogy and can claim relationship to such famous men as Fletcher Christian of Pitcairn Island, and Sir Mark Cubbon, Governor General of Mysore, India.

While Sister Cubbon has worked mainly in M.I.A. her husband has served as counselor in the Elders Quorum, Sunday School Supt., Branch President. He was ordained High Priest and Bishop in 1960, and was District President in 1963 before being called as first counselor to Pres. Payne in 1964. He has continued to serve faithfully in this capacity for Pres. Robison.



North British Mission presidency, J. Alan Cubbon, left, 1st C; Pres. Robison and Ian D. Swanney, 2nd C.

IAN D. SWANNEY
Counselor to Pres. Robison

★ Pres. Swanney was born in 1932 on Stronsay, one of the Orkney Islands off the North Coast of Scotland.

Because of his desire to teach he attended the Jordanhill College of Education. Directly after his studies at university he served in the Royal Air Force as an instructor in the School of Physical Training. After leaving the services he began to teach in Fife,

Scotland, where he met his wife Anne. Later they moved to Berkshire, England where he taught in Bracknell School for three years and at another school near Reading for four years.

In November 1961 they joined the Church, and were sealed in the Temple in 1963. They have two lovely children, David age 8 and Lorna age 4. The family now live in Elvington, where Pres. Swanney is a Lecturer at St. John's College of Education at York.

Since joining the Church he has served as a counselor and as President of the Bracknell Branch, counselor in the Reading District Presidency, Secretary to the Sunday School in York Branch, counselor in the Presidency of York Branch and was called as a counselor to Pres. Payne, continuing to serve on with Pres. Robison.

His wife has been equally active, and has worked as a teacher in Sunday School, Primary and M.I.A. in the



Branch, also in Relief Society, and has been a counselor and President of the Reading District Primary. While residing at York she has continued to work in all these auxiliaries. At the present time she is President of the Hull District Y.W.M.I.A.

HISTORY OF "ROSSETT GREEN"

★ Just outside of Harrogate, Yorkshire on the road to Leeds, at the summit of a hill is the North British Mission Home, "Rossett Green".

"Rossett Green", built in 1904 by Sir Norman Ray, Member of Parliament, for his summer dwelling, was staffed by a full complement of maids, cooks, and gardeners until it was purchased by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and turned over to the North British Mission.

The first Mission President to live in the home was Pres. Grant S. Thorn, in 1962. Pres. and Sister Thorn moved into the house after it was remodeled and decorated by the Church.

The servants' quarters, a medium

sized house on the corner of the grounds, serves as living quarters for the Elders of the mission staff, and the converted stables serve as print shop, and storage area for the mission home.

In the main house, the old billiard room has been converted into a modern and efficient office where there are offices for the Mission Secretary, the President's Secretary, and the Mission Recorder. The President's office is a converted study with two walls bearing pictures of all the missionaries serving in the North British Mission.

In the summer of 1965 "Rossett Green" became the centre of activity when the North British Mission and the Northeast British Mission were combined under the leadership of Wilford H. Payne. This beautiful home which had previously been the mission home of the Northeast British Mission became the mission headquarters for the newly organised North British Mission.



View from "Rossett Green" home of the North British Mission.

20,000 Members Within Mission

★ The North British Mission reaches from the Scottish border, coast to coast as far south as Sheffield. Within the mission area which includes the Manchester, Leeds and Sunderland Stakes are 20,000 members who make up 75 congregations. Many of these congregations are housed in the 25 new chapels which have been built in the last five years.

The North British Mission is a cradle of modern Israel. It is almost as if the Lord held Britain in His hands. In an otherwise darkened world, He prepared its people to receive the Gospel; and when liberty and industry and religious reformation had been established here, He whispered to His prophet; "Let my servant Heber go to England and proclaim my Gospel and open the door of salvation to that nation."

The man the Lord had called was Heber C. Kimball, an apostle. Penniless, he came with Orson Hyde, Willard Richards, Joseph Fielding and three other missionaries to England. When they arrived at Liverpool, in councils of prayer, pleading with the Lord to bless their labours—they received inspiration to continue to Preston Lancashire. It was July 22, 1837, and as their coach entered the town where they would first declare the Gospel in this land, they saw an election banner in the street and joyfully accepted 'it as an omen. It said: "Truth Will Prevail."



Mission Staff and assistants to Pres. Robison, from left, front, Elder Randall Mack, assistant; Sister Ina Lynne Tolman, President's secretary; Elder Eric Despain, assistant; back, Elder Russell Baxter, mission lithographer; Elder Dennis Garner, mission recorder, Elder Terry Bird, mission secretary.

"Amen," they cried, "Truth will prevail."

Elder Fielding's brother was a minister in Preston. Through the mail he had heard of the Restoration and with his congregation had been praying for the messengers who would come and teach them of it. He invited the brethren, without their asking, to preach to them on Sunday, the next day. So in the Vauxhall Chapel at 3.00 p.m., Elder Kimball rose before an unusually large gathering and declared "that an angel had visited earth and committed the everlasting Gospel to man." "Glory to God" his hearers exclaimed.

The elders kept preaching, that evening and the next Wednesday, until the Reverend Fielding realised that the believers would soon leave his congregation. But the restoration had already been declared and the first baptism set for the following Sunday. It was agreed that Elder Kimball should baptise in the River Ribble, not far from Preston.

Elder Kimball baptised nine individuals the following morning, before over 7,000 people who had gathered on the banks to watch. Calls came from everywhere to preach, but the elders could not fill them all. By Christmas day, there were two dozen branches flourishing, and they met in the famous Preston "Cockpit" for the first British Mission Conference.

Then the apostles came; ultimately eight were here at once. They left their homes scarcely well enough to walk or left destitute families, sometimes both. John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff came first, three days before the first Scottish baptism, and Elder Taylor stayed to work in Liverpool. He addressed a congregation there that had heard a perverted form of the Gospel from an enemy of the Church, and he baptised many. He taught his wife's family and they believed. Their name was Cannon: they were the parents of George Q. Cannon, who was first counselor to three Church Presidents, and the progenitor of a great Latter-day Saint posterity.

Those who have visited John Benbow's farm know that only divine guidance could have led Elder Woodruff to that obscure place. Even today, with highways and detailed maps, it is difficult to find. Yet he walked 26 miles, slept, rode 35 miles on a coach and walked 15 miles—and at last was moved to call at the home of a wealthy farmer, John Benbow. It turned out to be the meeting place for an independent church group, 600 strong, 45 of them were licensed preachers—called the United Brethren. Elder Woodruff declared to the man who welcomed him that he had "been sent to him by the commandment of God . . . to preach the Gospel of life to him."

He preached on the farm and elsewhere in the village, baptising all but one of the 600 United Brethren. A certain irate rector dispatched the constable to arrest Elder Woodruff—the

constable agreed to let Elder Woodruff preach his scheduled sermon before taking him—and afterwards he volunteered for baptism. Then the rector sent his two clerks to spy. They volunteered also. In all, over 1,800 souls were baptised in the small pond at Benbow's Farm.

By April, 1840, eight apostles, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Orson and Parley P. Pratt, George A. Smith and Willard Richards were in Britain. The full mission organisation was instituted and the Millennial Star was begun. In spite of the growing opposition, there were more and more baptisms—and at the mission conference 2,500 members and 80 branches were reported.

Inspiring stories of the missions here in the British Isles do not stop with these auspicious beginnings, but space prevents the telling of more. But all the events of the great era that began here, in the North British Mission in 1847 led to a glorious climax, the dedication of the London Temple.



North British Mission Home and Office.

A Special Message From Pres. Lenard Robison

★ When we accepted the call to preside over the North British Mission, it was with great fear and trembling. We reallised the great task was far greater than we had ever experienced. But we truly had a sincere desire in our hearts and dedication to the Lord's work to go and do our very best to help the Lord's work progress here in the Motherland, this great land of England.

We feel it the greatest privilege of our lives. Our lives have been greatly enriched and made much better and happier through mingling wtih you wonderful people of the North British Mission.

It is a very gratifying experience to watch our young missionaries grow from anxious youths to mature adults. Perhaps the mission field is a harsh training ground for this process, but it is quite thorough. There is great wisdom in sending late teenagers and early twenty year olds on missions, both for the excellent service they render for the Church and for the testimonies and knowlege they receive through this service for others. They actually arrive here very inexperienced for their assignments. The kind of experience they lack is the type that can only be had in the mission field. The humility and self discipline necessary to be a successful missionary is largely acquired here. In a testimony meeting an Elder who had served a two year assignment in the U.S. Army, said it was easier to be a good soldier than a good missionary.

Just how successful a missionary is, is left up to him. It is God's plan that we stand on our own. No one can give us happiness, a testimony of the Gospel or exaltation. You cannot buy honesty, an honourable companion in marriage or a college degree. All these important items and many others, one acquires on his own. And I know of no more wonderful place for any young man or woman to get better training in all of these than right here in the North British Mission. Here they learn to meet the realities of life. There are few limits in this life for the person who has

sufficient of two attributes, humility and self-discipline. That is what we see develop in these fine young missionaries as well as a great love for others.

To us our young missionaries are 10 feet tall, not in stature but in what they are and what they stand for.

It is wonderful to be here in England where we can share the greatest gift any one can possibly have, that of a testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To be able to share it with the English people is wonderful. We pray continually that God will touch the hearts of these people, give them a sincere desire to know of this truth. We pray that they will pray for guidance in seeking it, that it might become a part of their great lives, also

I know without a shadow of doubt that God lives. He does hear and answer our prayers. His Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life to atone for our sins, giving us the opportunity to return back into His presence if we are obedient to His commandments. I know that the Prophet Joseph Smith was an instrument in His hands in restoring the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fulness to the earth once more. We have a living Prophet standing at the head of our Church today, our beloved David O. McKay, who does receive revelation from God and governs the Church in this last dispensation.

It is our sincere humble prayer that the Lord will be able to touch the hearts of His sons and daughters here in this great land.

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"A man is neither happy nor effective in the cause if he is not one with his fellows." —Stephen L. Richards

Crest and Shield Of The North British Mission

★ The crest and shield of the North British Mission serves as a constant reminder that the magnitude of this calling is unequaled on earth. The missionaries serve the Master, Himself, as they struggle to help carry His Kingdom forward. It symbolises the hope that the missionaries may, at the conclusion of their missions be able to say, as did Paul of old "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

The Crest

Moroni depicts the declaration of the Gospel to every nation, kindred and people. As members and missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints it represents the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Shield Banner Sword

The Banner represents friendship and fellowship to all men .

The Sword serves as a reminder that this land is a choice land where many stalwart and noble souls reside. As modern day heralds of truth it represents the challenge given by a Prophet to build the Kingdom of God with many solid converts.



Scrolls

These depict the "Stick of Judah"

Gold Plates

The Gold Plates represent the "Stick of Joseph".

Map of the Mission

This shows the great land of the missionary endeavours.

Temple

The Temple represents determination on our part to accept the challenge given and to follow it through. It means that those accepting it will live clean honourable lives; challenging and testifying by the Spirit of God and literally leading people into the truth regardless of opposition from the forces of evil.

Sisters Conference

★ Early this year the Sister Missionaries of The North British Mission assembled at "Rossett Green" for a Sisters' Conference, themed to "BUILD THE WHOLE WOMAN OR YOU HAVE NOT BUILT WELL." The Sisters in attendance were Sisters Alexander, Bartlett, Dowhaniuk, Foley, Gale, Hatch, Kempson, Meachen, Ricks, and Sister Tolman along with Sister Norma Sepp and our dearly loved Mission Mother Sister Robison.

Each one prepared a short talk on the attributes and qualities of different women of the Bible. In each talk the sister showed how these same qualities can be applied in our own lives and help us to become better daughters of our Heavenly Father. The different Bible women were, Mother Eve, Mary Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Rebecca, Rachel, Esther, Naomi, Ruth, Leah Dunford Widtsoe, Sarah wife of Lehi and from our times Lucy Mack, Emma and Mary Fielding Smith, and our dearly loved Sister McKay.

A special intermediate song was sung by Sister Betty Rose Foley and Sister Ian Lynne Tolman accompanied by Elder DeMeade H. Austin. They sang a very appropriate number titled "How Fair Is the Daughter of Zion". The meeting concluded by each bearing testimony. After the closing prayer all assembled in the formal dining room of "Rossett Green" for lunch. Sister Sepp cooked a lovely lunch.

At each place setting was a booklet of thoughts. Each sister was also given a booklet titled "The Art of Rearing Children Peacefully" By Sister McKay. Sister Robison and Sister Sepp did a beautiful job of organising the programme and the luncheon. After lunch arrangements were made for the sisters to arrive at the train station and return to their proselyting areas. The meeting was wonderful, full of love, peace and harmony, under a true spirit of sisterhood.

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Convert Has Known Presidents

★ Sister Wray has served her Father in Heaven most faithfully over these past six years and continues to in keeping the Mission Home in spic and span order. Sister Wray, whom we love and appreciate, tells her own story.

"In those days Burnhope was a village of about 2,000 population. I went to Catholic School at Lancaster, about two and a half miles from home, there being no Catholic School at Burnhope. I left school when I was 14 years of age. I have two brothers and one sister, and we were all brought up in the Catholic Faith. My Father and Mother were very strict Catholics. My Mother died when I was 9 years old, and with being the eldest child I had to help a lot in the home and also look after my brothers and sisters. Eventually my father married again, and at the age of 17 I came to Harrogate to take up work in a doctors house as kitchen maid, with the intention of learning to be a cook. I attended the St. Roberts Catholic Church regularly whilst there. After being in Harrogate a while I met my future husband, and we were married when I was nearly 23.



Sister Mary Wray

We have been happily married now for 38 years, and have 7 children and 15 grandchildren. Members of the Mormon Church started calling at our home about 7½ years ago, and we had many happy evenings together talking and reading of the Mormon faith. Eventually I was baptised on October 25, 1962 by Elder Dennis Douglas Weir and Elder Michael Duckworth. In one of our evening talks Elder Weir happened to mention about Sister Thorn who with her husband at that time was president in charge at Rossett Green needing help in the cleaning of the two mission houses. Elder Weir showed me around the Mission Home and I volunteered to help Sister Thorn.

There have now been three visiting presidents at the Mission Home. Firstly President and Sister Thorn, then President and Sister Robison. I have found it a great pleasure and service to meet and work for such wonderful people. I have also come in contact with the hundreds of Elders and Sisters who have had the pleasure of coming to the North British Mission Home."



★ In the accompanying photograph are the district presidencies of the North British Mission together with the mission presidency.

First row are, Jack Spurr, Hull District clerk; Ambrose Worthington, 1st counselor, Preston District; Pres. Herbert Shorrock, Preston District; Clifford Roberts, Liverpool District clerk; George Hoare, 2nd counselor, Liverpool District; Peter J. Everitt, 2nd counselor, Grimsby District; Pres. Arthur R. Jenner,, Grimsby District.

Second row, Rodney Britton, Lake District clerk; Stewart Irvine, 1st counselor, Lake District; Pres. Ronald Hughes Lake District; Pres. John Hender, Liverpool District; Wilfred Elrey, 1st counselor, Grimsby District; John Jones, 1st counselor, Liverpool District.

Third row, J. Alan Cubbon, 1st counselor in mission presidency; Mission Pres. Lenard D. Robison and Ian D Swanney, 2nd counselor in mission presidency.

North British Mission Staff

★ A large family billard room now serves as the Mission Office for the North British Mission. The mission staff always cheerful and busy at work, open the office at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Each day the Elders and Sister accomplish much, and in the evening, each missionary proselytes. Many times the members of the Harrogate Branch are called upon to assist the Elders and

Sister because of the small staff. Day to day they continue on in the work of the Lord and are striving diligently to build the Harrogate Branch.

Elder Eric R. Despain and Elder Randall K. Mack are serving as Pres. Robinson's Assistants. The busy days are often tiring but as Elder Despain and Elder Mack say "Serving the Lord with Pres. Robison is one of our greatest blessings bestowed upon us". Elder Despain is from Centerfield, a small town outside of Gunnison, Utah, Elder Mack is from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Elder Terry D. Bird, from Provo, Utah, is serving as the Mission Secretary. Elder Bird realizes the importance of his calling and always strives to accomplish two days into one, but never seems to succeed for the days just aren't long enough.

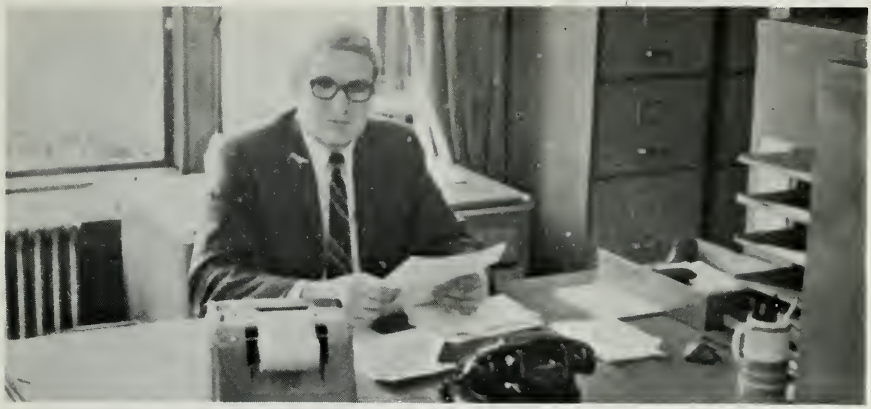
Sister Ina Lynne Tolman, from Whittier, California, is always busy typing as she serves as President Robison's Secretary. Sister Tolman also does typing for Sister Robison, president of the Relief Society of the Mission.

The Mission Recorder is Elder Dennis F. Garner, who is from Ontario, Oregon. Elder Garner has found that the membership records of the Church are very important and always has an eye single to his work.

Cha-Grindela the mission printing press is run by Elder Russell J. Baxter who is from Salt Lake City, Utah, serving as the Mission Lithographer.



Mission Relief Society presidency from left, front, Marjorie Jenner, 2nd C, East; Alice Hughes, 2nd C, West; back, Dorothy Shorrock, 1st C, West; Pres. LaVon I. Robison, Ann Eley, secretary.



Elder Terry D. Bird, mission secretary.



Elder Roylance, and Elder Dennis Garner, mission recorder.



Elder Despain and Elder Petersen, assistants to president.

MISSION FOOD REPAIRER

Sister Norma Sep

★ We have a very, very, very special lady at "Rossett Green". Her name is Norma Sepp. Better known at the mission home as the Master Food Repairer. She gets this name because she can make any kind of Left-over into a dish fit for a King. She is terrifically terrific. We all love her so. On the side-line she has a great talent as seamstress too. She fattens our missionaries up and then graciously volunteers any time to keep their clothes together. In the process of eating all those dishes she cooks the Elders gain a little here and there and so sometimes trousers have to be let out, buttons sewed on, and collars on shirts turned, etc. She is always willing to help in any way. She is a beautiful seamstress. With the beautiful tartan wool materials here in Great Britain she has made many shirts for the Elders and Sisters. Sister Sepp is in her second term now at the North British Mission. She served for three years with Pres. and Sister Wilford Payne, returned home to Seattle for 14 months and is now back for another two years.

In her spare time she takes care of the mail in the office, teaches a Sunday School class and is Relief Society President of the Harrogate Branch. We at Rossett Green couldn't get along with out her. She is so pleasant with everyone she meets, never has an unkind thing to say about anyone. She is the sweetest person you could ever want to meet and is loved by all.



Norma Sepp, mission home cook.

★ "I was born in Idaho and lived there until I was married when we moved to Seattle, Washington. I have been active in Relief Society and Sunday School holding various positions within these two auxiliaries. Because Pres. Payne previously served as my Bishop and Stake President in Seattle when he was called to serve as President of the Northeast British Mission in July of 1964 he and Sister Payne wrote and asked me to come to England to help in the mission home. I stayed three years until September 1967 several weeks after President and Sister Robison came. I went home with the Manchester Choir Group and rejoined my family. Once again at home I served in the Relief Society. After almost a year at home President Robison called me to return to England and the mission home. I am very happy to be here.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

MEMBERSHIP, BRANCH AND DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

8,000 Members
5 Mission Districts
33 Mission Branches
3 Stakes of Zion

Total Church Membership within the boundaries of the Mission is over 20,000 members.

The North British Mission has the largest Church membership of any of the missions in Great Britain. Its boundaries extend below Liverpool on the West to Cleethorpes on the East from coast to coast as far North as the Scottish Boarder.

BRANCH AND DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

Grimsby District, Arthur R. Jenner, President
Branches:
Grimsby-Clleethorps, Howard Lloyd, President
Scarborough, Edward Reynolds, President
Worksop, Thomas Betteridge, President

Hull District, James E. Holmes, President
Branches:
Beverley, Geoffrey Dunning, President
East Hull, Ian Taylor, President
Scarborough, Edward Reynolds, President
Harrogate, Christopher Walker, President
West Hull, Emil G. Hess, President
York, Alwyn B. Pooley, President

Lake District, Ronald Hughes, President
Branches:
Carlisle, Gerald Ramsbottom, President
Kendal, Paul Stewart, President
Barrow-in-Furness, George Caddell, President
Morecambe-Lancaster, Fredrick Jacksen, President
Wokington, Missionary, William F. Jensen

Liverpool District, John G. Hender, President
Branches:
Crosby, James E. Brown President
Leigh, Missionary, Richard Williams
Liverpool, Peter Gibson, President
Northwich, Harry Fowler, President
Southport, Peter Watson, President
St. Helens, Harold Dickinson, President
Warrington, Boris Roberts, President
Widnes-Runcorn, D. Bradbury, President
Wigan, Hugh M. Ross, President
Wirral, William McKee, President

Preston District, Herbert Shorrock, President
Branches:
Accrington, Allan Counsell, President
Blackburn, Walter Moorley, President
Blackpool, Harold Abery, President
Bolton, Dennis Boydell, President
Burnley, Albert Pickup, President
Eccles, Charles A. Brady, President
Nelson, John Green, President
Preston, Brian Deane, President
Rawtenstall, Rodney Keeble, President



Beverly Chapel, Hull District.

Grimsby District

ARTHUR ROBERT JENNER
Grimsby District President

★ Pres. Arthur Jenner and his wife Marjorie joined the Church in 1951, with their three sons: John, David and Christopher. This was the happiest day of their lives. For over seventeen months Sister Jenner had waited patiently for Brother Jenner to accept baptism, but in the meantime they had been very active in the Grimsby Branch.

Brother Jenner was first called as Hull District President and remained in this position until the Districts were divided and then he became the Grimsby District President. Brother Wilford Eley was called to be the first counselor and Brother Arthur Hickman, second counselor to Pres. Jenner.

Sister Jenner has worked in the Relief Society for sixteen years, and is presently a counselor to Sister Robison in the Relief Society Presidency. Pres. Jenner has worked as District and Branch Chorister and in the Sunday School and Primary.



Grimsby District presidency, Wilfred Eley, 1st C; Pres. Arthur R. Jenner and Arthur N. D. Hickman, 2nd C.

John, their Eldest son, served a mission in Southern Australia, and is now married and living in Salt Lake City.

During the time Brother and Sister Jenner have been in the Church they have seen four new chapels built in the Hull area, and two in the Grimsby area.

WORKSOP BRANCH
Branch President—
Pres. Thomas Betteridge

★ The missionaries opened up the town of Worksop, North Nottinghamshire in 1961 but services didn't start to be held in the town until January 1962. The services at this time being held in rooms which were used as a dance studio in the week. The branch moved from this hall and started to hold their services in a school hall which was very comfortable in summer but in the winter was bitterly cold as the heating never seemed to work. Then just over two years ago after much searching the branch found some rooms in the centre of Worksop which were available on a rental basis with the



Worksop Branch presidency, Roger Galloway, left, 1st C; Pres. Thomas Beteridge, Alan H. Maynard, 2nd C; Geoffrey Tonks, clerk.

saints having them just for their own use. These rooms the saints decorated themselves with the help of the missionaries and it provided the branch with a pleasant centre from which to direct their activities. We do of course hope that one day soon we will see a chapel built in Worksop.

Worksop Branch is in the heart of "The Dukeries" and much lovely countryside is close at hand. Nearby is Sherwood Forest where is said once Robin Hood lived and people still travel from many countries to see the famous 'Major Oak'. The branch was originally in the Central British Mission but due to boundary changes it came part of the Northeast British Mission and then part of the North British Mission. We became members of the Grimsby District which meant that the members had to develop the desire to travel as the nearest branch to us in the district was 50 miles away.

Even though the branch is small in numbers it is big in spirit and the members try at all times to help each other and share each others joys. Everyone in the branch has several callings in the Church which keeps everyone busy, but also helps us all to gain more joy by serving in the Gospel.

The Branch Presidency is a youthful one—the eldest member being 30 years young and the youngest being 23 years old. The Presidency consists of Pres. Thomas Betteridge, 1st counselor, Roger Galloway and 2nd counselor, Alan H. Maynard, who has also served as a previous branch president. Brother Geoffrey Tonks is presently serving as the Branch Clerk.

In April this year the branch had a "Finda Member Week" during which all the members in some way helped the missionary effort. Members tracted, street surveyed and taught lessons together and with the missionaries. The week was a success as the sisters found a young man who accepted the Book of Mormon, came to the Open house and received the discussions. We are happy to report that Brother Tony Tuttle was baptised in May and has just been ordained to the priesthood.

WILLIAM COLLIER

Scunthorpe Branch President

★ Pres. Collier was born in Liverpool. His father was a seaman, which made his life very interesting. He was a Roman Catholic until 1958, when he was taught the Gospel by the missionaries and was baptised on October 11, 1958. He married Betty Chambers who

at that time already had 6 children (she was a L.D.S.) and now they have been blessed with two more lovely children. He was first called as a Branch President after being in the Church for 12 months. His wife and family were sealed in the Temple on November 10, 1962, which has made their life even happier.

Pres. Collier's counselors are Brother John Lee and Brother William Hadley.



Pres. William Collier, Scunthorpe Branch

HOWARD LLOYD

Grimsby-Cleethorpes Branch president

★ Pres. Lloyd joined the Church 18 years ago. He and his wife, Jessie, were sealed in the Temple on April 18, 1959. They have three girls and one boy. Pres Lloyd's counselors are Bro. Benjaman W. Caster and Bro. Christopher Wright.

Five Called From Mission As Full-Time Missionaries

★ The Lord has truly blessed the North British Mission and the Saints who reside within its bounds, for we have been blessed with five of it's Saints now proselyting as full-time missionaries. Sister Hazel Gregory who is from the Blackburn Branch, Preston District is now serving in the Central German Mission.

Elder Anthony Calvert resided in the Burnley Branch, Preston District before leaving for his field of labour, the British Mission.

Elder Ronald William Taylor prior to leaving for the British Mission lived in the Nelson Branch, Preston District. Elder Taylor entered the mission field in November 1968, and says that he is very appreciative of this opportunity of serving the Lord.

Elder David John Wood now serving in the Southwest British Mission, before his mission resided in the Scunthorpe Branch, Grimsby District. Before Elder Wood departed from the mission he served in the Branch Presidency as the Branch Clerk, a great experience. Elder Wood entered the Southwest

British Mission on February 18, 1969 and is enjoying his proselyting very much.

Elder Geoffrey David Theakston-Thomas is our youngest missionary, Elder Thomas left from the mission home on June 2, 1969 after being set apart by mission President Robison the previous day. Elder Thomas is the newest and youngest missionary who has left the mission to this day. Before leaving for his mission he lived in the West Hull Branch, Hull District. This is an experience that Elder Thomas had dreamed about and looked forward to for quite awhile, one which brought him great joy when he received his mission call.

Our sincere prayers are with each of our missionaries praying for their success, health and a continued strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and dedication to the work of the Lord. May the Lord continue to bless them for the Lord's chosen people.



FREDRICK JACKSON
Morecambe-Lancaster Branch president
★Pres. Jackson is a native of Oldham, Lancashire and joined the Church May 20, 1961. He and his wife, Joan, were sealed in the Temple April 27, 1963. They have two boys and one girl.

Pres. Jackson's counselor is Bro. Willie B. Baines.

JOHN CADDELL
Barrow -In-Furnes Branch president
★ Pres. Caddell was born in Mansfield, Nottingham. He was baptised April 27, 1963. On April 11, 1964 he and Sis. Annie Mary Brag Cadell were sealed in the Temple. They have five children.

His first counselor is Eric Mugreave.

CHARLES GRADY
Eccles Branch president
★ Pres. Grady was born in Eccles, Lancashire. He came into the Church Feb. 17, 1964 and married Joan Doreen, March 28, 1964.

His counselor is Bro. Maurice Nolan.

JAMES E. HOLMES
Hull District President
★ Pres. Holmes was the eldest of four children. After completing his education he spent five years in the Royal Air Force, following which he was employed as a carpenter and joiner.

In February of 1952, the missionaries met him one morning and told him about the Church. Shortly thereafter he was baptised and has since been active in the Church.





Hull District presidency, Jack Spurr, clerk; Peter J. Everitt, 2nd C; James E. Holmes, president, Hull District above

Hull District presidency, Jack Spurr, clerk; Peter J. Everitt, 2nd C; James E. Holmes, president, Hulll District above

Pres. Holmes met his wife in Church and was married in the Hull Branch Chapel in September of 1954. The Holmes have four children all of whom are active in the Church.

Sister Holmes has held many positions in the Branch, District and Mission. She was the North British YWMIA Presidient.

Pres. Holmes has filled many callings in the Church also, including service as Hull Branch President and Currently as Hull District President.



Geoffrey Denning, Beverly Branch pres.

GEOFFREY DUNNING
Beverley Branch President

★ Pres. Dunning was born in Cottingham, Yorkshire. His first contact with the Church was through M.I.A. and was baptised on May 3rd, 1962. He married a young lady Suzette Towne whom he met the first night he attended Mutual. They were married March 6th, 1965 and the following week were sealed in the Temple. The Dunnings now have two daughters. Pres. Dunning reports that his wife, Suzette, encourages him in every phase of Church work.

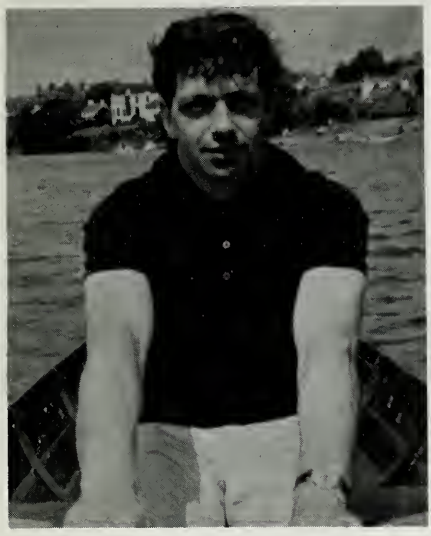
Pres. Dunnings counselors are Brother David T. Fenwick and Brother Alan Kennington.

IAN TAYLOR
East Hull Branch President

★ Pres. Taylor was born the son of a



Scarborough Chapel, Hull District.



Ian Taylor, East Hull Branch president.

passively religious mother and non-religious father.

He joined the Church at the age of 18 years through the Base-ball programme, and within 14 months was serving on a mission as a building missionary. He worked in Romford and then in East Hull, where he is presently residing as the Branch President.

He has served the Lord in many ways, such as Elders Group Leader, in the Sunday School, and as Branch Clerk.

He met his wife Christine Stone Taylor while serving on his building mission. Christine and Ian were married a short time after he became Branch President. They were married in the East Hull Chapel and then went to the London Temple, in the autumn of 1968.

Pres. Taylors counselors are Brother John C. Kennington, and Brother F. Graham Barber.

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH

Branch President Pres. Edward Reynolds

★ The Scarborough Branch was first opened some 20 years ago when the Barker family met two missionaries on the train and were converted. They held meetings in the Barker home until the branch increased and they moved into a Chocolate Factory and converted it into a two story chapel. This chapel was used for nine years until a new chapel was built. The members of the branch now enjoy a beautiful new chapel and are striving to increase their membership. The oldest member of the branch is Sister Edith Kendal who is 86 years, a faithful and strong member, who still attends all of her meetings each week.

Pres Reynolds was called to be the branch President of the Scarborough Branch just after he was baptised eight months ago. He married Eileen Louth and they were sealed in the London Temple on January 10, 1959. Pres. and Sister Reynolds are proud of their family. Their son Michael has served as a missionary and they feel very blessed to belong to the Scarborough Branch.

WEST HULL BRANCH

Branch President—Pres. Emil G. Hess

★ The West Hull Branch has an outstanding Branch Presidency with Emil G. Hess as Branch President, Terrence



West Hull Branch presidency, from left, Dennis Sanderson, 2nd C; Pres. Emil G. Hess, Terrence Wileman, 1st C; Paul E. Knott, clerk.

Wileman as 1st counselor, Dennis Sanderson 2nd counselor, and Paul E. Knott as Branch Clerk.

Pres. Hess is a convert of about 11 years and loves the Church considerably as is shown in his dedication to the work of the Lord. He was just recently called as Branch President and prior to this call has filled various positions in the Branch and in Hull District. Pres. Hess has served in the Adult Aaronic, as assistant superintendent in Sunday School, Elders Group Leader, Branch Clerk, and as a Branch President in 1963-64, then as District Councilman, and just before his present calling as a counselor in the Hull District Presidency.

He has been blessed with a loving wife Florence and they were married on June 3, 1939 and sealed in the London Temple on September 3, 1960. They have two children, Olga and Moira

Brother Wileman who is presently serving as the first counselor in the branch presidency has a strong testimony and says that working in the Church has brought his family and himself more joy than they could have ever found elsewhere. He married Marina Novis and just recently they were sealed in the Temple.

Brother Sanderson has been a member of the Church 6 years and has served a two year mission as a Building Missionary, working on various chapels and projects. He has served as General Secretary, also in the Aaronic Youth, Counselor in YMMIA, Sunday School Superintendent, and a 2nd counselor.

Brother Knott came in contact with the Church through the Baseball Baptism programme. He has a great love for the Gospel and has a very strong

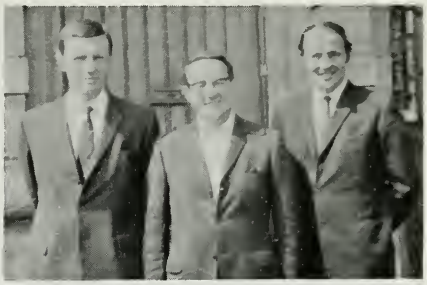
testimony of its truthfulness.

RONALD HUGHES
Lake District President

★ Pres. Hughes was born the 11th child of 14 children. He met his wife Alice at the age of 14, in fact, Pres. Hughes says Alice was the best looker of the neighbourhood. They were married February 17, 1940 and were blessed with a lovely son and daughter.

They were introduced to the Church in 1950 and were baptised after a succession of missionaries in October of 1951. After their baptism Sister Hughes immediately had the opportunity of serving in the Primary and Pres. Hughes was called to serve as assistant in the Sunday School. Within a matter of months he was called as Branch President. Then in 1960 he was called to be 2nd counselor in the Liverpool District Presidency. Sometime after this he was made Bishop of Preston Ward in the Manchester Stake. After the amalgamation of the "North British" and the "Northeast British" Mission, Pres. Hughes was called as Pres. Payne's assistant. He is now Lake District President.

Their children are now married and President and Sister Hughes are the proud grandparents of three grandchildren. The family has always been happy but Pres. Hughes says ". . . It wasn't until 1959, the 24th of January, in fact, that our happiness was made complete, because on that day we were sealed together in the Temple together with our children."



Lake District presidency, Rodney Britton, clerk; Pres. Ronald Hughes, Stewart Irvin, 1st C.

CARLISLE BRANCH
Branch President—
Pres. Gerald Ramsbottom

★ Pres. Ramsbottom was born in February 1928 to a wonderful but not rich family. When he was a small child he was scalded down his left leg rather badly, this caused him to be subject to epileptic fits, the last of which he had in his sixteenth year. Because of this injury he was unable to take part in sporting activities. He was seventeen when he first learned to ride a cycle.

He says "I served for two years in



Carlisle Branch presidency, Alistair Welsh, 2nd C; Rodney Britton, 1st C; Sister Britton, Pres. Gerald Ramsbottom

the Royal Air Force. I first met my wife at my sister's birthday party and I knew even before I spoke to her that she would be my wife, in fact, I told a friend that I was going to marry her even though at that time I was courting another girl. We were married on the 22nd of July, 1952, and the following years were spent in perfect marital bliss. On June 22nd, 1958 our happiness became complete when my wife presented me with a son, whom we named Colin.

For the first time in seven years something came into our lives that we could not share responsibility for, the Elders of the Church brought the restored Gospel to our home. I was able to accept that the Gospel had been restored and that the missionaries had the authority to act in the name of God, and was baptised on August 29th, 1959.

On September 14, 1963 our branch held a Ground Breaking day under the direction of Pres. Alva D. Green of the N.B.M. And on September 20th the work on the Chapel commenced under the supervision of Elder Joseph Wallace and was to continue for the next three years. I was alotted a wonderful privilege and it was that of being the first to baptise in the new chapel. Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Twelve Apostles, dedicated the Chapel.

One highlight of my life was July 17, 1960 when I was able to baptise my beautiful wife in the Sunderland Chapel. Yes the Gospel of Jesus Christ has brought the Carlisle Branch and my family an eternal type of joy. I want to express at this time my thanks and appreciation for the wonderful support the members and leaders of the branch have given me especially my 1st counselor Brother Rodney Britton, 2nd counselor Alistair J. Welsh and my wonderful wife Kathleen.



Pres. Paul Stewart, Kendal Branch.

KENDAL BRANCH

Branch President— Pres. Paul Stewart

★ A young man full of love, understanding and patience is Pres. Paul Stewart who is presently presiding over the Kendal Branch. Pres. Stewart was born in Kendal and came in contact with the Church in 1967. In October 1968 he was called to serve as the Branch President.

In March 1955 he married Sylvia Margaret Watson and has three lovely

children. Pres. Stewart says that the happiest day in their life was when their family were able to be sealed in the London Temple on July 27, 1968. Sister Stewart is a very active member of Relief Society and has served as Relief Society President.

Pres. Stewart has a 2nd love, the first being the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the other being athletics. He is a founder-member of the Amateur Athletic Clubs and in 1961 was the chairman of the Windermere Club. He is now in his twentieth seasons of athletics, and feels very blessed to be able to be in athletics and especially to be a member of Christ's Church.

WORKINGTON BRANCH

Branch President—
Elder Lloyd Thomas Jensen

★ On the western edge of the Lake District, bordering the Irish Sea is the industrial town of Workington. In Workington, and serving a fairly large geographical area, is the Workington Branch. The branch boundaries include such towns as Maryport, Whitehaven, and Cockermouth. In Whitehaven John Paul Jones (the father of the American Navy) served his apprenticeship and returned years later to bombard the town. Cockermouth is the birthplace of Wordsworth, the famous poet whose name is indelibly written into the hearts and heritage of the British people. Also within the branch boundary is the small hamlet of Eaglesfield, the birthplace of John Dalton, the first man to split the atom.

The Branch is relatively young, being formed in 1962. But in those seven years the membership has reached 101 members. Elder Jensen, a full-time missionary is presently serving as the Branch President and Peter Styles as the Branch Clerk.



York Chapel, Hull District.



Liverpool District presidency, Clifford Roberts, clerk; Pres. John G. Hender, John Jones, 1st C; George Hoare, 2nd C.

JOHN GARFIELD HENDER

Liverpool District President

★ Pres. Hender was born into a religious family. He married Ann Wilkinson on November 4, 1961 shortly after completing his military service. September of 1964 was the first time Pres. and Sister Hender were introduced to the Gospel. They were baptised a few months later, in December. They have been blessed with three fine children: Stephen 6, Christine 4, and Diane 18 months.

Pres. Hender has served as counselor of the Old Wallasey Branch before it was consolidated with the Birkenhead Branch to form the now Wirral Branch, then becoming a counselor in the Wirral Branch. He has served as M.I.A. Superintendent, District Councilman, Counselor in the District Presidency, and in April of 1968 was called as Liverpool District President.

LEIGH BRANCH

Branch President—Elder Richard E. Williams

★ The Leigh Branch is one of two in the North British Mission presided over by missionary Elders who attend to the functioning as well as the building up of the Branch.

Prior to coming to England, Elder Williams lived in Hollywood, California, where he worked as a stage performer and entertainer. Elder Williams has entertained at many Church socials and has enjoyed his work very much.

The Saints in the Leigh Branch presently meet in a converted shop in the town centre of Leigh. The little chapel is the centre of Latter-day Saint activity for Leigh and it's neighboring communities,

NORTHWICH BRANCH

Branch President—Pres. Harry Fowler

★ A former professional footballer with Manchester City and Torquay United is Pres. Fowler. He is presently working as a transport manager with a large chemical company.

Pres. Fowler was born in Salford, Lancashire. He has been a member of the Church for about six years. He married Avis Smith on August 27, 1949 and they were sealed in the Temple on April 11, 1964. They have two girls and one boy. Although Pres. Fowler did not join the Church until 1963, Sister Fowler's family have been long time members of the Church. Her Grandmother was baptised in 1888 by an Elder James Booth. One interesting

thing about the Fowler family is that they possess many of the original copies of old Church books.

Pres. Fowler's first counselor is Joseph Alan Webb who is presently working as a British Railways diesel engine instructor. Brother Webb and his family joined the Church in 1964 and have been very active and faithful. One point of interest in the Webb family is that Brother Webb's son, Alan Jr. who is only 15 years old is presently serving as the District assistant organist.

SOUTHPORT BRANCH

Branch President—Pres. Peter Watson

★An interesting spot in the N.B.M. history is when the Southport Branch was started some 25 years ago, when two or three life members persuaded the then mission president to send two elders to work in Southport. During the ensuing 12 months converts were made and members met in a small room in the town. Slowly, but surely the membership increased, and all saved and worked to create a Building fund. A meeting was held at the Wright Street Church room when some 35 members attended to hear the Church Authorities announce plans for a chapel to be built, and to take a vote from the members to sustain this project.

A piece of land was finally found suitable (The owner had always expressed the wish that a Church would be built on this land) and the Church authorities purchased it.

Elder Clifford Johnson and his wife arrived in Southport from Idaho, U.S.A. Elder Johnson worked as the Building Supervisor. The first sod was cut in 1962 and work proceeded swiftly until Elder Johnson fell from the scaffolding, breaking his back and suffering other injuries. Elder Johnson made a miraculous recovery and was soon back on the job, working with a plaster cast around his body. Finally, the job was completed, but Elder and Sister Johnson had to leave England in June (as their visa had expired) and they did not attend the opening.

The Church opened on Saturday July 17, 1965 with a Grand Carnival Ball and on Sunday July 18, the first Branch Conference was held.

The membership of the Southport Branch is now 167 and still growing. Pres. Peter Watson is doing a wonderful job leading the Saints in the Southport area. Pres. Watson was born in London and was baptised on June 16, 1956. He married Winifred Goddard on March 21, 1942 and they were sealed in the Temple on January 24, 1959. They have four children, and are very busy and happy in the Gospel.

Pres. Watson's counselors are Brother Jeffrey Fossard and Brother Joseph Hepple with Brother Charlie Fleming as the Branch Clerk. Together they work and pray that they might some day see their Branch become the Southport Ward.

WIDNES-RUNCORN BRANCH

Branch President Pres. Donald Bradbury

★ Pres. Bradbury is a third-generation

Mormon, born in Bradford, Yorkshire through a long Yorkshire ancestry. A thrilling experience in Pres. Bradbury's life was when Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve ordained him a High Priest on March 27, 1960. At the time Bro. Bradbury was serving in the Bradford Ward Bishopric.

On March 25, 1961 he married Elaine Taylor and they moved to the Leeds Ward in the Leeds Stake. In January 1967 he moved with his wife and their three children Gavin Paul, Gilliam Elaine, and Lisa Jane to Frodsham, Cheshire.

Pres Bradbury has served as a District Councilman in the Liverpool District. After being called into the District he was called as President of the Widnes-Runcorn Branch in 1967.

Classical Music and photography are the interests of this busy and dedicated Branch President. In his spare time from Church work Pres. Bradbury is a Research Chemist by profession and enjoys his work very much.

HERBERT SHORROCK

Preston District President

★ Pres. Shorrock was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, and when he was 10 years old he was baptised into the Church. As a youth he was interested in Scouting and gained his Kings Scout Badge; later he held an Assistant Scoutmasters Certificate. Brother Shorrock also served in the army for 21 years, 16 of which were spent abroad.

Amongst his many Church callings, he has served as Branch President of



Pres. Alfred R. Brown, St. Helens Branch president of Preston District right and Ambrose Worthington, 1st C.

Blackburn for 12 years, also as a District Councilman and as 1st counselor in the Preston District Presidency. He was recalled to be Branch President of Blackburn and served until 1964 when he became President of the Preston District. President Shorrock has also been a Sunday School Superintendent and a District YMMIA Supervisor.

Because his parents accepted the Gospel when he was only four, he has had the privilege of being raised in the Church, and for this he is truly grateful.

ALAN COUNSELL

Accrington Branch president

★ Pres. Counsell was born in Blackburn, Lancashire and baptised March 24, 1960. He married Kathleen Mary Moon on June 4, 1966 and they were sealed in the Temple the following day. They have one boy, Grant.

Pres. Counsell's counselor is Bro. Alex R. Johns.

ALBERT PICKUP
Burnley Branch President

★ Pres. Pickup was born in Darwen, Lancashire in 1916 and was baptised into the Church in 1948. While serving on a part time mission he met his wife, Jeanie Walker. They now have three lovely children, two boys and a girl.

Many years ago he started a photographic studio in an eleven roomed house, making it into a shop. It was here that he first met the missionaries, when they brought some film for him to develop.

Besides being a devoted and active member of the Church, he has also served the community as a member of the local Council for many years. His Church responsibilites have included both branch and district work, and he is at present a member of the District High Council as well as being Branch President. Assisting him in the branch are Alfred J. Hathaway as 1st counselor and Anthony Calvert as Clerk.



Albert Pickup, Burnley Branch president

DAN CURRIE
Gardener

★ Dan Currie was born in New Park and educated at Christ Church School, Harrogate. Since leaving school he has worked at various jobs, but his main interest has been gardening. He also has a keen interest in animals, and he has the desire to own a farm.

Dan keeps the "Rossett Green" gardens beautiful and a joy to behold, and obviously takes great pleasure in his work. Dan who is not a member of the Church, has been tending the gardens for the past five and a half years.



Dan Currie, gardner.

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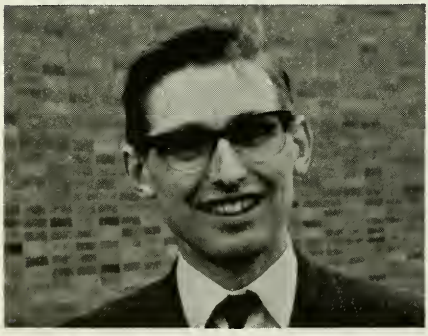
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'Thou Art The Christ'

By Elder Harold B. Lee
Council of the Twelve

★ During Christ's ministry there had been some not possessed of faith who declared themselves about the Master. In His home country of Nazareth they had said in derision:

"Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? . . . And they were offended in him.'



The Master sadly replied:

"A prophet is not without honour save in his own country, and in his own house." (Matthew 13:55,57.)

On another occasion they said of Him in scorn:

"The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners . . ." (Ibid., 11:19.)

In Jerusalem the scribes which came down said,

"He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils." (Mark 3:22.)

"THOU, ART THE CHRIST"

In contrast to these unsavory epithets, His faithful followers such as Peter, the chiefest of the apostles declared: "Thou are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:16)—and from his faithful Martha, "Yea Lord: I believe that thou art Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." (John 11:27.) And from another of His disciples after He had seen and handled

the Risen Lord, Thomas impressed his testimony with these simple words: "My Lord and my God!" (Ibid., 20:28.) The measure of difference between those two groups of individuals who answered the query, "What think ye of Christ?" (Matt. 22:42.) was the quality of which the Master had spoken of in His great Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Ibid., 5:8.)

Our responsibility as members of the Church of Jesus Christ to declare the mission of the Saviour was impressed upon us in a council meeting when President David O. McKay made this significant statement:

"This is the Church of Jesus Christ, and it is our obligation to preach to the world that He is the Son of God, our Redeemer and our Saviour—not just a great teacher, but in reality the Son of our Father in heaven, and the Redeemer of the world; that He has broken the bands of death and has brought resurrection, that through Him, by obedience to the Gospel, we will gain eternal exaltation in His kingdom. May the Lord give us power and increase our ability to represent Him in the world."

In that memorable Wentworth Letter, historically important to the Church, where the Prophet Joseph Smith answered the query as to what the Church believed, was the statement: "We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

SACRED SYMBOLISM

The symbolism of our belief and our declaration to the world is to be found everywhere. As I saw the pictures of the Swiss Temple, I read the words above the entrance and again recalled that on many of our other sacred structures are those significant words: "Holiness to the Lord."

As you walk on the temple grounds in Salt Lake City, look upon the west towers of the great Salt Lake Temple, and just underneath the battlements will you see the dipper pointing to the North Star—the symbolism, as explained by Truman O. Angell, the architect of the temple, in an article written in The Millennial Star for the British Saints, suggesting that through the priesthood of Almighty God the lost may find their way. As you go into the great Salt Lake Temple, you will see what the pioneers did to symbolize every move they were to make through that sacred building. Even on almost every doorknob there has been cast in the beauty of their artistry those same words, "Holiness to the Lord." By that symbol every door in the temples of our God, indeed every step we take in life, is opened to those who go forward in "Holiness to the Lord!"

The dreariest prospect that can be imagined to those who have not only these symbols to constantly remind them, but also the testimony of that humble boy who told of the coming of the Father and the Son in very person to converse with Him, who bore testimony that other worthies came and



Elder Harold B. Lee

restored their powers, and their keys of the priesthood—the dreariest prospects of those of this Church who have those testimonies and that knowledge given them, is that to be found in the Lord's castigation of those who have been given a divine calling by a divine command and have disobeyed when He said: "They who are not chosen have sinned a very grievous sin in that they are walking in the darkness at noonday." (D&C 95:6.) Then He added, "If ye keep not my commandments, the love of the Father shall not continue with you, therefore ye shall walk in darkness." (Ibid., 95:12.)

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT

Under the caption of an article, "What Makes Men Strong?" J. Edgar Hoover, the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, made this significant statement:

"When a man leans on his own understanding, when he lives by his own strength, when he boasts of probing the mysteries of the atom, the depths of the sea, or the secrets of outer space, he forgets God and claims he is his own master. The result is untold suffering. Even though one's position is maintained, even though material wealth increases, a success quickly turns to failure when God has been forgotten. There is no peace of mind, no personal satisfaction, no personal experience of inward joy. To 'trust in the Lord with all thine heart' is a mark of strength, and it is the only path to happiness, success, and true fulfilment."

I contrast the fearful Peter who, on the night of the betrayal, denied that he had known the Saviour, with that Peter who on another occasion, after he had witnessed the appearances of the Master, in jail, being readied for another inquisition by His unjust captors. He was not suprised when an angel touched him and said, "Arise up quickly," and the shackles fell from him, and when he went to the door he found it open. He went to the outer court, and it was open; then he went to the home of his friends, and they were surprised because from the time of his imprisonment they had been praying that the Lord by his matchless powers would undo the mischief that

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Recipes From

APRICOT JAM

1 Gallon Apricots-canned
1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple
10 Cups of Sugar
2 or 3 pkgs of orange jelly.

Cook apricots, pineapple and sugar until fairly thick. Stir often. Remove from heat and add jelly. Store in jars in refrigerator or seal in sterilized jars.

FRENCH DRESSING

1 Large onion grated
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
½ tsp. dry mustard
1 tsp. dry horseradish, or fresh if available
1 large bottle of catsup

Use catsup bottle as measure filled with salad oil. Use same bottle and fill with vinegar.

Combine ingredients. Stir vigorously and serve over lettuce or tossed salads.

BAKING POWDER BISCUITS

2 cups flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
3 tablespoons sugar
6 tablespoons shortening (Butter or Margarine)
¾ cup milk

Sift the dry ingredients together. Cut in the shortening until coarse. Add milk, mix with fork until dough follows fork around bowl. Turn out on floured board and pat into a circle ¾ inch thick. Cut into circles with biscuit cutter. Bake in 500 oven for 12 minutes. Handle the dough very lightly and quickly. This is the secret of light fluffy biscuits. Serve with above apricot jam and butter.

Serves four.

Norm's Kitchen

CHOCOLATE PUDDING CAKE

1 cup flour
½ tsp. salt
2 tablespoon cocoa
½ cup milk
1¼ cup brown sugar
1¾ cup hot water
2 tsp. Baking Powder
¾ cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
2 tablespoon melted shortening
¼ cup cocoa
nuts

Mix cake mixture, turn into square pan about size 8 x 8 x 2. Then mix brown sugar, cocoa and sprinkle over batter, then pour water over that and bake at 375 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes.

JUMBO RAISIN COOKIES

2 cups raisins
1 cup water

Boil for 5 minutes, then let cool.

1 cup shortening
2 cups sugar

Cream together and add 3 eggs that are well beaten.

1 tsp. vanilla
4 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. cinnamon
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. soda
½ tsp. cloves
Sift together

Mix all together, add 1 large pkg. of choc. chips (Polka dots), and 1 cup nuts, (if desired glacier cherries or etc.) Drop by tsp. on cookie sheet. Bake 375 to 400 degree oven for 15 minutes.

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was now trying to nullify the work of this great Church. He was not afraid. Why? Because Peter knew the power of the risen Lord. (See Acts 12.)

CONTRASTING INCIDENTS

I am thinking now of two contrasting incidents. A dear friend received one of those fateful messages: "We regret to inform you that your boy has been killed in action." I went to his home, and there I saw the shattered family, possessed of all the things that money could buy—wealth, position, the things that the world would call honourable, but there they were with their hopes and dreams shattered around them, grasping for something that they had not lived to obtain and from that time on, seemingly did not obtain. The comfort which they could have known was not there.

I contrasted that with a scene I witnessed up in the LDS Hospital, when one of our dear faithful mission presidents was there slowly dying. He was in extreme pain, but in his heart there was a joy because he knew that through suffering oftimes men learn obedience, and the right to kinship with Him who suffered beyond all that any of us can ever suffer. He, too, knew the power of the risen Lord.

Today we should ask ourselves the question, in answer to what the Master asked of those in His day, "What think ye of Christ?" We ought to ask as we would say it today, "What think we of Christ?" and then make it a little more personal and ask, "What think I of Christ?" Do I think of Him as the Redeemer of my soul? Do I think of Him with no doubt in my mind as the one who appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith? Do I believe that He established this Church upon the earth? Do I accept Him as the Saviour of this world? Am I true to my covenants, which in the waters of baptism, if understood, meant that I would stand as a witness of Him at all times, and in all things, and in all places, wherever I would be. even until death?"

Many times we have heard and sung that hymn,

"That I might have seen his kind look
when he said,
'Let the little ones come unto me.'
"I should like to have been with him
then."

HEBER C. KIMBALL WROTE:

Some have said they would have liked to live in the days of the Prophet Joseph so that they could have been his defenders. Heber C. Kimball wrote this:

"Let me say that many of you will see the time when you will have all the trouble, trial, and persecution you can stand, and plenty of opportunities to show that you were true to God and His work. This Church will have many close places through which it will have to pass before the work of God is crowned with victory. To meet the difficulties that are coming, it will be necessary for you to have a knowledge of the truth of this work for yourselves.

The difficulties of this work will be of such a character that a man or woman who does not possess this personal knowledge will fall. Remember these sayings, for many of you will live to see them fulfilled. The time is coming when no man or woman will be able to endure on borrowed light. Each will have to be guided by the light within himself. If you do not have it, you will not stand."

After some of the persecutions and the evidence of the power of evil over our first missionaries in London, these missionaries returned to the Prophet to seek an answer as to why these experiences with evil spirits had come to them. Had they done something wrong that the evil had thus tried to overthrow them? And the Prophet replied, "I rejoiced when I heard of your experiences because I have passed through similar experiences, and I want to say this to you: the nearer a person approaches the Lord, a greater power will be manifested by the adversary to prevent the accomplishment of his purposes."

That is what the Master meant when He said:

"Blessed are ye, when man shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

"Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." (Matt. 5:11-12.)

STRONG STALWARTS

I have heard some of the testimonies of men like Brother Hugh B. Brown and Brother Adam S. Bennion, and Brother Richard L Evans, who, when they were called to their high places have been subject to the trials of the power of evil. There is no question in my mind but that they were near unto the Lord, and the devil knew it and was trying to confuse them and if possible destroy them.

You and I stand in this day when we are basking in the sunshine of great plaudits of the people all over the world. We rejoice that the persecution which used to be is not now, and yet I am sobered by the warning that the Master gave when He warned:

"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." (Luke 6:26.)

May I say to all of us, each of us individually, let us not forget that the measure of our acceptance in the kingdom of our God will be our answer to the question which we must make honestly to ourselves: "What think I of Jesus Christ? What kind of a testimony do I have of the divinity of His mission?"

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Clerks, Secretaries, Please Note!

★ Stake and ward clerks plus secretaries of the auxiliaries and priesthood units have received first hand instruction for better record keeping by a representative of the Presiding Bishopric's Office.

The past several weeks Ronald E. Urry has been in the British Isles helping correlate supply orders and to instruct clerks and secretaries for a more uniform record keeping programme.

Bro. Urry emphasized the importance the Lord has placed upon records, stating that the records kept today become history tomorrow. Accuracy and neatness in all records was stressed. He also noted that it is the duty of the stake clerk to teach and train all secretaries in the ward so that there will be uniformity in record keeping.

"KEEP YOUR RECORDS CURRENT" was the suggestion of Bro. Urrry, so that at the end of the year when the time comes for the annual report or the Form E (Ward Report) it can be easily compiled.

He advised stake and ward clerks that just listing speakers in Sacrament Meetings and Conferences is not enough for the record. A brief resume of their talk (three or four sentences, depending upon the nature of the talk) should be inserted.

"Chastity Will Never Be Outdated"

By Elder Marion G. Romney
Council of the Twelve



Elder Marion G. Romney

★ The present world situation is not unlike that which prevailed in Athens, as portrayed in Paul's great sermon preached on Mars' hill. As he stood there, his spirit stirring within him as he beheld the city given wholly to idolatry, he cried:

" . . . Ye men of Athens, I perceve that in all things ye are too superstitious.

"For as I passed by, and beheld your devotion, I found an altar with this inscription, To the Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." (Acts 17: 22-23.)

Following this poignant but deserved thrust, Paul declared that God had made the world and all things therein and was therefore Lord of heaven and earth, that both he (Paul) and his hearers were the offspring of God, in whom they lived and moved and had their being.

To us it seems almost incredible that in Paul's day men could leave believed that graven images of gold or silver or stone fashioned by men's device were gods. And yet, the evidence indicates that many today are as far afield in their concepts and belief in God as were the Athenian philosphers and populace in that day so long ago when Paul chided them on Mars' hill about worshiping a god whom they admittedly did not know; for instance (and now I cite these examples not by way of contention but to illustrate how the concepts of men of the world differ from the true concepts of the living

and true God), in a modern book an eminent scientist, whose purpose is altogether commendable, wrote the book to prove that there is a God and in that book appears this statement:

CAN NOT VISUALIZE GOD

"Any effort to visualize God reveals a surprising childishness. We can no more conceive Him than we can conceive an electron." (Lecomte de Nouy, Human Destiny, p. 188.)

And then to account for the birth and development of moral man, the author says that he was forced, and I quote, to admit "that the only possible logical interpretation of the facts coincided with that which recognized the existence of God; . . . We therefore," I continue to quote, "used the consecrated name (God), but avoided as much as possible any anthropomorphic idea." (Ibid., pp. 201-202.)

Another writer says this: "Man makes God in his own image. . . . When man believes that God is personal," he says, "he believes rightly [But] to say that God is 'a person' is no doubt an error." (Maude Royden, The Garvin Lectures 1949, p. 45.)

A TRAGEDY OF TODAY

These statements indicate that their authors and those who hold their views neither know nor believe in the living and true God preached by Paul and Joseph Smith. Is it not a great tragedy for men today to be walking in such darkness when they might be walking in the light if they would but look and see? This situation brings to mind the Saviour's statement: "The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not; . . ." (D&C 88:49.)

In connection with this statement the Lord adds another phrase which I love. ". . . nevertheless," he says, "the day shall come when you shall comprehend even God, being quickened in him and by him." (Idem.)

This world would be, comparatively, a heaven if men could be brought to understand and know the living and true God. They who are able to receive and who do receive the restored truth concerning God are literally transformed by their knowledge of, and faith in, him. They are drawn upward from the carnal state of fallen men, as it were, and brought back, to a degree at least, into the presence of God. They develop unshakable faith in him. They seek him with certain confidence. They put their trust in him, and he never fails them. In him are their hope and their strength. Envy, greed, hate, lust, and unrighteous ambition flee from them. They

grow in virtue, patience, brotherly kindness, charity, and love, and their eyes are single to the glory of God. The principle objective in their lives becomes to keep the commandments of God, thus ridding themselves of sin, for they realize that no unclean thing can enter into his presence; and to return into that presence becomes the supreme faith and hope of their existence.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFORMS LIFE

Into their hearts comes a great concern for the welfare of their fellow men. They set about not to conquer them, not to take advantage of them, not to gain temporal and worldly power at their expense, but to take to them the glorious knowledge of the living and true God which they themselves possess. This they do that their fellows may experience and enjoy the transformation which has come into their lives.

There is nothing other than a knowledge of the living and true God which will give men incentives strong enough to induce them to root out their lives the wickedness which has brought us to the brink of the cataclysm on which we totter.

Earnest attention of God's revelations of Himself is of first importance to every human being. To disbelieve in Him, in the light of the plain and certain knowledge He has revealed of Himself and which is available to us, is a great evil for which men will be held accountable. Full acceptance of Him would work in every man the same transformation it worked in the people of Enoch, in Saul of Tarsus, in Alma, in Joseph Smith and his followers—a transformation which will eventually come and which will establish peace on the earth.

ORDINATIONS TO ELDER

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Christopher Anthony Thorpe. Huddersfield Ward. Leeds Stake.
David Keith Holman. Basildon Branch. British Mission.
Kenneth Richard Charles Rowley. Chelmsford Branch. British Mission.
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Edward Harold Hanmore. Ilford Branch. British Mission
Kenneth Walter Oaks. Ilford Branch. British Mission.
David John Brand. Ilford Branch. British Mission.
John Raymond Laycock. Southend Branch. British Mission.

Every Member A Missionary

By Elder S. Dilworth Young
First Council of the Seventy



Elder S. Dilworth Young

★ I should like to speak to Lori and to Park, to Charlotte and to Annette, to Jack, to Brook, to Becky, and to Kirk, to Joan, to Norman, and to Ann, to Suzette, and to Carol Gay, and to Don, to Dale, and to LeGrand, and to Henry and to David—I could go on and on and on naming the children.

Some of them, when given opportunity, would arise to their feet and say something like this: "I believe the Gospel. I believe that Joseph Smith was a Prophet." And then they qualify it by saying, "I do not know yet that it is true, but I believe it." It would be my desire to say something to them concerning this qualifying statement, and I should like to say it in simple language so they can understand.

The power to bear testimony, the ability and the feeling of being able to say that one knows that Jesus is the Christ and that the restoration of the Gospel has come through the hands of Joseph Smith, comes entirely by the power of the Holy Ghost. That power does not come through any education or through any special preparation on the part of the recipient in earthly things, but rather it whispers into the heart of the one who wants to know, and once whispered and once understood, that person may stand and say as surely as I or anyone else may stand and say it, that he knows that Jesus is the Christ. For the Spirit bears the witness, and it comes to everyone that in truth desires it.

EACH CAN KNOW

I think that is the great message of

Joseph Smith himself. He was only fourteen years of age, and he walked into his mother's home one morning and said, "Mother, I have learned for myself that Presbyterianism is not true." Well, each of our children is not going to receive a vision such as Joseph Smith received, but each can have the whispering, and each can know just as surely, no matter what his age. He does not have to grow to be an adult to have this knowledge.

I can remember when I was a small child at the Lowell School up on D Street and Second Avenue, in Salt Lake City. Four of us boys were gathered in the corner by the school fence, two of us were Latter-day Saints, and two of us were not. The two who were not were baiting the two Latter-day Saints. One of them (it was not I, although I might have had the courage to do it) turned on these other boys and said, "Well, we have the truth, and you haven't and that is all there is to it." And that is all there was to it, too. He did not know why he knew it, but he did know it. He was going to learn why later. All children will learn to understand that whispering someday, and only by that whispering can you children, wherever you be, know that Jesus is the Christ. You may pile up evidence and knowledge, but only by that spirit will you know it.

Now the spirit does not always whisper. Sometimes it leaves one, and then one is left to his own resources. Then enters free agency. I should like to say to my children, my grandchildren and yours, that you can be determined to know about this thing by your own desire. You do not have to take someone's else word about it. Say to yourselves, "I know that this is so. I believe it, and I am going to abide by it." As you get that determination and say it, somehow the spirit will re-enter into you and fortify you in it.

GAINED EVIDENCE

There will be times when the spirit will not come to you. Here are some evidences which eventually will grow into your hearts until they will sustain you when the spirit is not present. There is the evidence which you will gain from the Book of Mormon. When you read that book, it will be an evidence to you. Coupled with it will be evidences found in the ancient Old Testament of how the Lord dealt with his ancient people. You will discover that it is very similar to the way he dealt with those in the Book of Mormon. The pattern of the New Testment will be an evidence to you, for like that pattern the Church today is established. There you will read it and take comfort from it.

You, when you get old enough to understand them, will be able to gain great comfort from the books of Moses and of Abraham, the revelations of the

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A Trip To The Sun

A trip to the sun
Would not be much fun,
For you'd grow too old
On the way.
The sun's heat is white,
It sends a great light,
To shine on our earth to make day.

The sun has no trees,
Or cool gentle breeze,
No flowers, or streams,
Or green grass,
The sun has no frogs,
Or horses or dogs,
For everything on it
Is gas.

The sun is so hot,
Believe it or not,
You could never get
Near this star:
No, a trip to the sun
Would not be much fun,
It's millions of miles
Too far.

Glen Mahoney,
Abermorlais School,
Merthyr Tydfil,
Glam. S. Wales, Age 10

(This poem won 1st place in the school competition)

Steps To Missionary Work

By Elder Franklin D. Richards

Assistant to the Twelve

★ I am confident that there are thousands of members of the Church that have a sincere desire to do missionary work, but don't know what to do or how to do it. How then can a member, regardless of age or sex, become an effective missionary within the meaning of the prophet's admonition—Every Member a Missionary?

You ask, what can I do? Well, you can find persons who would like to know more about the Church. But, how can I find such persons? The following three ways are pretty much the basis of the Every Member a Missionary Programme.

First, ask people what they know about the Church and if they would like to know more—yes, ask the golden questions.

Second, take your friends and neighbours to church meetings and socials.

Third, live the Gospel. As your friends and neighbours feel your love, they will want to know more about the Church.

MISSIONARIES WILL TEACH

All three of these ways are part of the referral programme as you arrange for the missionaries to teach the interested persons. When you find interested persons either by personal contact, over the telephone, or by correspondance, bring them into your home, preferably in a group and ask the missionaries in to give them the discussions. If they are out of the area, have your bishop give you the name and address of the nearest stake or mission to where the interested person lives and send the referral to the stake or mission president together with details of how you secured the name and other pertinent information.

Let me elaborate on the three ways you can find persons who want to know more about the Church, by giving you a few interesting examples:

First, ask the golden questions as you meet people personally or over the telephone or through the mail. I have never embrassed myself or the person I have asked. A few weeks ago I was registering in a motel in Raleigh, North Carolina. I asked the golden questions of the young man at the desk. He was not interested, but the young man standing behind him overheard our conversation. He had been to Salt Lake City, was impressed, and wanted

to know more. I told him we had missionaries in Raleigh, and he gave me his name and address. He was very interested in having the missionaries call and tell him more about the Church. I immediately turned this golden contact over to the missionaries.

USE THE TELEPHONE

A bishop's wife in Atlanta, Georgia, wanted to do missionary work but didn't know how or when she could find the time and still take care of her young family. The missionaries suggested that she telephone proselyte, ask the golden questions over the telephone from her own home in the evening after the children were in bed. She told me that the missionaries showed her how and that it was thrilling and most rewarding and not embarrassing. She found many interested persons for the missionaries to teach.

During the last year, thousands of letters have been written asking the golden questions. Many have responded, asking that the missionaries call on them, others have asked for literature or the Home Study guide— discussions by mail. Recently a woman from Oceola, Iowa, wrote us—" I am so glad that you are sending me these discussions. I thank you. Would it be too much to ask you to send me more of Joseph Smith's works?"

Now the second way of finding interested persons is by taking your friends



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and neighbours to church meetings and socials. In Bowling Green, Kentucky, the Relief Society needed an organist. The president asked a nonmember friend to help them out. She replied she would be glad to, and before long she became interested, was taught the Gospel by the missionaries and was baptised.

SINGING—ANOTHER MEANS

In the Southern States Mission a young girl was walking home with a friend and began humming, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." Her friend said, "My that's a beautiful melody. What is it?" The girl told her about it and made a date to take her to a church service.

After attending a few times she arranged for the missionaries to teach her family. The family have all been baptised and are happy, doing their part in building the kingdom.

I mentioned living the Gospel as the third way to find interested persons. About ten days ago I was showing a man and his wife from Iowa around Temple Square. They were very interested and particularly so when Brother Alexander Schreiner took an active interest in them, showing them the organ and how it is played. Brother Schreiner really went the extra mile. I asked them if they knew any members of our Church in Iowa. They replied, yes, a wonderful family. Recently when a friend of theirs had a baby, this family took the children of the woman who was having the baby into their home while the mother was in the hospital. Both Brother Schreiner and the Iowa family were evidencing their love of their fellow men. These incidents have been an important factor in interesting this couple. They expressed a desire to know more about the Church.

A short time ago while having dinner in a New York restaurant, we asked our waiter, a very fine man, the golden questions. He replied enthusiastically that he had been to Utah and California and had met several Latter-day Saint families, was very much impressed with their way of life, and would like to know more about the Church. He gave us his address in Brooklyn and seemed anxious to have the missionaries call at his home and give him and his family the discussions. We promptly gave this good referral to the mission president in New York.

Most of us have unusual experiences with people becoming interested and wanting to know more about the Church. The Lord has said, "Be ye strong from henceforth; fear not for the kingdom is yours." (D&C 38:15.) So let's not fear henceforth—ask the golden questions, take your friends and neighbours to Church meetings and socials, and live the Gospel. As you do these things, you will find many persons who are interested in knowing more about the Church, and you will be a missionary within the meaning of the prophet's admonition—Every Member a Missionary.



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Lord to great, inspired men. These will give you renewed assurance. Archaeological discovery, that is, the digging in ancient mounds to find evidences of what kind of people lived there, will further your belief, because slowly but surely, as these evidences come forth, they bear their silent, dusty witness of the truth of the Gospel.

One of the most noble witnesses and one of the most assuring and convincing witnesses is the lives of your own parents. Watch them live, watch how the Gospel touches their hearts and makes them gentle and kind. That is the surest evidence that it is a power beyond any earthly conception—its effect upon the lives of your own folk and those you see around you who are trying to work righteousness.

OTHER EVIDENCES

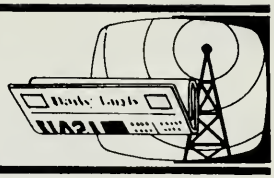
Another evidence, as you get older, will be the evidence you will see in the effort of the Church to help its own through the welfare programme. Such altruistic things can come only from those who want to practise and believe the truth. This great evidence will also bear its witness to you as you get older and take part in it; as you go to the cannery or as you go to weed the beet fields and help harvest the peas. Those evidences will come to you because of your actions in that programme.

Then, of course, you are going to have a great deal of pleasure and fun, but you are going to see the evidence of the auxiliary programmes of the Church. How they touch your lives, starting with childhood and taking you through to adulthood, giving you ideals and knowledge of how to handle yourselves and your companions, how to be happy and joyful, and how to enjoy that portion of the gospel, for the gospel is a happy thing. And the Mutual Improvement Associations and the Primary will contribute evidences within your ability to understand if you will but heed.

And finally, not finally but somewhere along the line, each young man will be given the priesthood. And then he will have a chance to practise the power which will eventually take him into the presence of our Heavenly Father. You will not know much about it at first, for it will be evidenced by such simple acts as the passing of the bread when the sacrament is administered in honour of our Lord and Saviour. Later on you will be able to baptise, and, too, you will be able to lay on hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, and after that you will be able to administer to your own sick. And still you will not know what power is. Finally you will feel it, and you will learn, when you become old, that eventually it will take you into the presence of your Father in heaven.

Determination does it, my young friends. Be determined that you are going to get these evidences into your hearts, and then pray to the Lord that He will give you the Spirit of the Holy Ghost.

NEWS



LONDON STAKE

★ On Easter Monday the M. Men, Gleaner class of ROMFORD Ward M.I.A. organised and presented a "Grand Penny Lane Fayre". This was inspired by friends in the Calgary Stake and by the Beatles' song.

The only acceptable currency for the Lane of numerous side shows was pennies. The day was ideal with about 300 people, including many members of the public, enjoying the large variety of activities.

Friends and members of the Ward helped the organisers by supplying a hundred weight of chipped potatoes; cups and saucers for the "Smash the crockery" stall, a barrel organ, that proved to be very popular; a very large cake for the "Estimate the weight" contest; many prizes and their help. A grand "Piano Smashing Contest" provided the climax to a wonderful day.

In the evening a very lively square dance was held, with Bishop and Sister Leavitt of North London Ward supplying the music and calls. During the interval a cabaret proved entertaining. Elders Galbraith and Kendle sang and Elder Galbraith accompanied Doug. Watlin who played the harmonica.

The days events provided a lot of fun and entertainment for many people as well as giving a substantial boost to the Ward Building fund.

★ The G.L.E.M.M. Council organised a successful outing on May 3rd which took the form of a Red Rover Rally. One way of having a good time and taking advantage of London Transport's special "rove around" ticket. A film-show was enjoyed in the evening.

★ Sports events have featured high in the Stake M.I.A.'s recent calendar. On May 2nd the volleyball tournament was held, with a total of 10 mixed volleyball teams taking part. The participation was so good that there was not time to play the final match between North London Ward and Hyde Park Ward. This took place on May 9th, and Hyde Park Ward were the winners.

On May 10th the Stake met the British Mission at Tollington Park School in North London to play off the Zone 1 finals in the various sports. The successful teams and individuals who will compete in the B.A.A. finals in Manchester are as follows:

Y.M. Basketball. Hyde Park Ward.

London Stake.

Five-a-side football. British Mission.

Netball. Hyde Park Ward.

Volleyball. Hyde Park Ward.

Table-tennis:

Girls under 16 singles. Susan Bradley. South London Ward. Stake.

Girls under 16 doubles. Susan Bradley and Louise Roberts. South London Ward.

Boys under 16 singles. Philip Davey. Catford Branch. Stake.

Boys under 16 doubles. British Mission.

Ladies Singles. Rita Beard. Catford Branch. Stake.

Mens Singles. Geoffrey Davey. Catford Branch. Stake

Ladies Doubles. British Mission

Men's Doubles. Geoffrey Davey and John Wilkins. Catford Branch.

Mixed Doubles. Geoffrey Davey and Rita Beard. Catford Branch.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ Grimsby Branch decided to give the Primary children a May Party this year. Sister Warton, Primary president and her helpers prepared the food and the children ate heartily. After a very enjoyable time, each child received a stick of rock before they went home.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ On April 26th, MIDLANDS SOUTH District held their Gold and Green Ball at the Northampton Cultural hall, which was tastefuly decorated with gold and green flowers. About 50 saints and friends danced to music by the Vaughan Williams Band. District M.I.A. Supt. Barry Bearsdmore was M.C. and gave away prizes during the spot waltzes. After refreshments there was a short cabaret which included a monologue given by President Benjamin Thorpe, 2nd counselor in the Mission, and two songs from Karen and Kristine Bandy from Bedford. They were then joined by Janette Barbour to sing a third number.

★ Finda Memba Week reached Bangor Branch, the farthest outpost of the mission on April 13th. No-one seemed to be sure whether or not they were enthusiastic for the event, but, after a few minutes of tracting confidence grew tremendously. No one imagined the response there would be to their invitations to the Saturday evening social. One hundred and fifty people gathered in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Newry Street, Holyhead for this social, about fifteen from Bangor Branch and many from the Holyhead District, but non-members had been attracted during the afternoon by the singing of the Mission-aires in the streets. At

one stage the police had to be on hand to control the crowds!

When everyone was settled at the social, Branch Pres. Stewart welcomed them and introduced the programme, which followed the usual pattern. Afterwards the Relief Society sisters served sandwiches and cakes, and the branch members mingled with the people explaining points of doctrine, telling of the auxiliaries and trying to establish what the general feeling was. Many visitors left their addresses and showed pleasure at the wonderful spirit portrayed by the "Mormon Church".

The week's activities certainly brought members of the branch much closer together and everyone worked very hard to make it the success it was. Experiences served to strengthen everyone's testimonies and amusing incidents were exchanged at the next branch meeting, when President Stewart thanked everyone for their efforts.

★ HEREFORD Branch is calling all Cricket enthusiasts. On Saturday 16th August, they will hold a six-a-side Cricket competition and invite all branches and wards from the Central British and South West British Missions and the Leicester Stake to enter teams. Those who are interested should write to Pres. Burton, 21 Bovington Estate, Roman Road, Hereford, for full details. A presentation dance will be held in the evening with music dispensed by the Terry Phillips Four, and cabaret with the "Folk Clarity".

★ BANBURY Branch held a farewell party on May 2nd for the Kapaska family. They have been members of the branch for approximately three years, while Brother Kapaska has been serving with the U.S.A.F. at R.A.F. Upper Hayford.

The party was organised by Pres.



Members attending the Banbury Branch Pioneer Party.



Sister Bonita Kapaska and son, Aaron Dean.

Brain Heath, and had a pioneer theme; all who attended were asked to wear pioneer clothes. After several games and activites, a large array of refreshments was served by Joy Heath.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ On April 26th the Stretford Childrens' Theatre visited MANCHESTER SOUTH Ward and gave a wonderful performance of Ludislas Fodor's play "The Vigil", which was done in modern dress. Although they bear the name Children, with an average age of 15 years, the acting and general performance would give credit to an adult cast doing a very difficult play. The story is about a trial of the people concerned with the resurrection of Christ; whether or not He did rise from the dead. Evidence is presented for and against, and the audience is left to judge for themselves what happened.



Ashton winning the volleyball final at Manchester Stake finals.



Manchester South Ward playing Ashton in the stake finals.

The original idea of inviting the players to the Ward was to give inspiration to the M.I.A. Drama section, but it also became a very useful missionary tool, as they had a large number of investigators attend. They and the members enjoyed the performance and many have requested that there be a return visit in the near future.

★ The Stake sports were held on May 10th, and ASHTON won both Volleyball and Netball finals. They lost the football to STOCKPORT though, who played really well, and deserved the win.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ A Folk Dance was held at Hartley Chapel, PLYMOUTH on April 12th, when over 100 people, many of them non-members, had a wonderful time dancing to the calling of Dave Evans and the music of the Brewers Company Dance Band. During the interval, Adrienne Webber from Bristol Branch, sang to the accompaniment of Martin Lock's guitar.

The Branch Primary children and their parents went to NEWTON ABBOTT on the 19th April to compete with them in the first round of the Primary Play Day Competition. Plymouth's entry was based on a Scottish theme, and Newton Abbott's on the Mormon Pioneers. When the final total was calculated however, it was found that each branch had 88 points. After a discussion amongst the judges it was decided to give the winning decision to Newton Abbott, who will be going on to Bristol for the next round shortly.

★ At the PLYMOUTH District Gold and

Green Ball, the music was provided by the Royal Marines Dance Band from Lympstone, Exeter. The hall had been transformed with gold and green streamers and decorations, and the ladies looked most charming in their evening dresses. The evening was well attended and greatly enjoyed by everyone.

★ A surprise 21st birthday and farewell party was given for Angela Smith one evening recently as she attended a normal meeting, or so she thought. It was organised by her special friend and District Missionary companion Ann Giles, before she returned to her home district in the Merthyr Tydfil area after receiving a promotion in the civil service. About 40 members gathered for the party and Sister Smith received several cards and a lovely bouquet of carnations to commemorate the evening.

★ The Relief Society sisters of HARTLEY invited all branch members over the age of 12 to a party one Wednesday evening. The programme included team quizzes, a play by Ann Coleman, touching on all aspects of Relief Society work, a performance by the Singing Mothers, a "cookery" cross word, and refreshments. Joyce Folley was presented with a Relief Society pin by Sister Violet Reeson, Mission Counselor, for coming 3rd in the recent Mission Short Story Competition.

★ The CORNWALL District Primary children held a Singing Festival at the Women's Institute Hall, Falmouth, Cornwall on April 19th, directed by Peggy Seddons of Redruth Branch. The theme of the Festival was foreign lands, and St. Austell Branch used Hawaii as a basis for their performance while Redruth called their scenes "America". The costumes were colourful and the singing and dancing enjoyed by all.

38th Bristol Scout Troop Runnersup In Football

★ Saturday May 3rd saw the first participation of the 38th BRISTOL L.D.S. Scout Troop in the Knowle, Bristol Scout District 6-a-side football competition. Ten teams took part, and Donald Osbourne, their Group Scout Leader and also the District President, acted as referee. Three qualifying games put the L.D.S. team in the final. Unfortunately however, during a semi-final match, Andrew Mein, a forward was injured and taken to hospital with a broken wrist. Throughout the competition both goals and corners counted, and just two minutes before full time in the final they gave away a corner, thus leaving themselves the runners-up. They were congratulated by the District Commission on their excellent play.



Bristol 38th LDS Scout troop, 6-a-side football team. From left, Brian Kellly, Steve Webb, Chris Jenkins, Andrew West, Michael Webb, Andrew Robertson.

★ Now that Summer is well on its way, the members of the Helston Branch invite all readers of the Star who may be holidaying in sunny Cornwall, to join them in their Church meetings which are held in the town centre, near the Angel Hotel, above Clock Worthey shop. Times of meetings are as follows: Sacrament 6 p.m. Sunday, 12 noon on Fast Days. Sunday School, 10.30 a.m. Priesthood 9.30 a.m. Primary 1 p.m. Saturday. M.I.A. 8 p.m. Tuesday.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

At a recent dinner for the Relief Society sisters and their husbands held at the home of Bro. and Sis. Arthur Henderson, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, an apron competition was held. Afterwards the aprons were sold by auction and approximately £4 was raised for the Branch building fund.

The fund is doing very well and over £400 has been raised by selling goods at a stall in the Newport weekly market. Elizabeth Hawkins, Relief Society president has supervised this project. The new chapel should be completed by the end of June.

★ The Mission M.I.A. know that those



Crawlely Branch members as they departed by coach for the British South Mission dance festival.



British South Mission Table Tennis finals.

famous initials stand for Mutual Improvement Association, but also find that they spell out their motto; Move Into Action.

Their recent table tennis tournament was an example of their youth in action; it was won by the PORTSMOUTH District. All kinds of athletic tournaments are going on throughout the mission with each district competing against the other.

On May 3rd the Netball Tournament was held at Terriers Primary School, High Wycombe. It was a great success and final placings were as follows:

Portsmouth District 1st with 28 points.

Watford District 18 points.

Thames Valley District 16 points.

Crawley District 15 points.

The Dance Festival took place at the end of April in the Reading Chapel and the Dance Shield trophy was won by the Portsmouth District.

★ CRAWLEY BRANCH Presidency has recently been re-organised, President L. Mann and his counselors Arthur Marshall and Arthur King were released and Arthur Casbon sustained as the new branch president, with Nephi Probst as 1st counselor and Victor L. Palmer, 2nd counselor, P. Nash as Branch clerk and A. Marshall, assistant branch clerk.

Three young sisters from the branch recently competed in the East Grinstead Town's Music Festival very successfully. Elaine Lawrance aged 14, was awarded 1st in Recorder playing, and a 1st in Pianoforte in her age group. In the under 9's age group, Jody Lawrance gained 2nd place and Bernice Kefford 4th place in Pianoforte.

Congratulations girls.

Congratulations also go to Judith Perry of Crawley Branch, who has been called as Camp Counselor to the Mission's Girls' Camp Programme, and to the following sisters for service awards in Primary.

1 Year Service Award. Eliza Lane and Judith Perry.

2 Years Service Award. Agnes Lawther.

4 Years Service Award. Amelia Baker.
5 Years Service Award. Marie Marshall.
The awards were presented by the Branch Presidency at the Sacrament meeting on May 18th.

★ Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration of the Restoration activities for the Crawley District began on Friday May 16th when 60 Aaronic Priesthood holders and their fathers sat down to a banquet which had been prepared by

the District Relief Society under the direction of sister Esther Lawther.

Guests of honour were Pres. Brighty of the Mission Presidency, Pres. and Sis. Dougald C. McKeown of the London Temple and Pres. and Sis. Tassell of the Crawley District Presidency. The following branch presidents were invited to speak, Pres. P. Tanner, Mitcham, Pres. Johnson, Guildford, and Pres. Casbon, Crawley. Pres. Tassell also spoke on "Our Future Leaders" and then presented Victor Palmer with the book "The Restored Church", as a token of appreciation for the work he had carried out with the Aaronic Priesthood in the District. He also organised the banquet and activities for this particular weekend. Pres. McKeown addressed the boys concerning Temple work, and Pres. Brighty, the final speaker, stressed the need to magnify the priesthood and to develop leadership.

A very early start was made the next morning and at 6.30 a.m. the Aaronic Priesthood and their fathers living locally, boarded a coach at the Temple, enroute for a visit to an American Air Force Base. Travelling via Crawley, Mitcham and Kingston they picked more and more brethren until there were 43 boys and dads aboard; then they proceeded to Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire.

At the base gates they were greeted by Major John Lasater of the American Air Force, who also happens to be Branch President of the Oxford Branch. Looking very fine in his full dress uniform, he was to be their guide and host for the day. The tour of the Base started with the "Flight Simulator" unit, where the boys were allowed to sit in the cockpit of a mock-up jet fighter; and were shown the dials and controls by Bro. Lasater. Next was the Pilots' briefing room, where they learnt how crews were briefed for action, and how operations are planned. Later they moved on to the Aerial Map section and at this time they were also shown pictures of the "Phantom" twin jet fighter that operated from the Base.

Afterwards came the Helicopter Hanger, where they saw over a helicopter, learnt its main functions and heard the pilot explain how rescues are made when a plane crashes and catches fire. Next to the base control tower, where the Duty Officer showed how all fighters are controlled in take-offs and landings. They listened in to conversations between fighter pilots and control and also witnessed a fighter landing with its parachute brake tailing out. Then into a fighter hanger, where they were privileged to inspect, and to be instructed on, the cockpit controls of the latest fighter aircraft, that of the "Phantom". Two other Phantoms were in the hanger, undergoing acceptance tests, having just been flown in from America. Finally they arrived at the Base Cafeteria, where everyone tucked into some food, American style of course. Time then having run out, they took their departure of Major Lasater and tried to express their gratitude for his making their visit such a memorable one.



Bro. Gibbs presents Master M Man Award to Garry Haws of Felixstowe in the British Mission.

BRITISH MISSION

★ The ESSEX District was host to the rest of the Mission at the ball game finals on May 3rd, a school in CHELMSFORD being the venue. The weather was glorious and helped to aid sales at the refreshment stall provided by the District M.I.A. Supt. Raymond Botterell. He and his wife Jane were in charge of the arrangements at Chelmsford and they were well rewarded by the attendance and smooth running of the events.

The Essex District Netball team from Southend, won through to the zone finals in London.

★ To raise money to aid members of CHELMSFORD M.I.A. to attend the Mission Convention this year, a Guys and Dolls dance was held on Saturday May 10th. Dancing was to records, selected and played by Disc Jockey Peter Hunt, and a live group called Slax, one of whom is a member of the Church. Mainly young people were in attendance, which was a little disheartening for the organisers, as plans for raising extra money by Dutch auction of a chicken dinner for four, did not raise the expected figure. However the evening was a great success for those who did attend, and £6 was raised towards convention costs.

★ On May 13th the GORLESTON M.I.A. held a sponsored walk to raise funds for their building. About 36 took part in the 12½ mile walk raising just over £100.

★ At the last IPSWICH District Conference held at the Cambridge Chapel, Sister Alice Shelley of the Ipswich Branch, was presented with an Honorary Golden Gleaner Award for her

devoted service in M.I.A. She has served faithfully for 19 years as Y.W.M.I.A. Secretary.

Only one Honorary Master M Man and Golden Gleaner award per Mission or Stake can be nominated each year. It is given to those over 45 years of age who have rendered exceptional service in M.I.A. Sister Shelley is the first one to receive this distinction in the British Mission.

★ Garry Hawes of Felixstowe received his Master M Man certificate and pin from Mission Y.M. Supt. Arthur Gibbs. Other awards presented at the Conference included the 5-a-side Football Trophy for the Ipswich District, which was won by the Colchester Branch and received by Robert Franklin. Also a 5th and 6th year Individual Girls Award Certificate to Jean Dawdry and Susan Dawdry of Ispwich respectively.



Sister Shelley, Ipswich Branch, receives her Honorary Golden Gleaner Award from Sister Phyllis Gibbs.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ Peter Drew of WOODSETTON was recently called as a missionary to Northern Ireland, and when he left for trouble-torn Belfast, he said that he could not have been happier with the choice—for that was where he was needed. Elder Drew is confident that his faith will see him through, and he hopes that the Irish people will be ready to listen to the truth.

He was baptised at Woodsetton Chapel 18 months ago with his mother, sister and young brother. Since then his testimony has grown in leaps and bounds and he has served a stake mission for 8 months before his call, and was ordained an elder last Christmas.

Before he left he was honoured with a farewell social and presented with an engraved Parker pen. A local "pop" group provided music for dancing and



Jean Dawdry receives her 5th Indiviual Girls Award from Sister Phyllis Gibbs.

vocal entertainment was by the Mission-aires.

★ Twenty-nine members of the M.I.A. were entered in the Stake Speech Festival which was held at the Stake Centre. The difficult task of adjudicating was done by Pres. and Sis. Barlow and Sis. Ann Reynolds of Lichfield Branch in the Central British Mission. They awarded the following a grading of "Excellent": Robert Sherratt, W. J. Ashmead, Don Hezseltine; Lesley Ashmead, Enid Smith, Denise Stone, Margaret Davies, Peter Drew, June Joseph, Sam Smith, Lynn Harrison, Graham Conway.

Rated Good were: Christine Davies, Keith Stevenson, Pat Jayes, Barbara Smith, Brian Palmer, Helen Craven, Cynthia Baker, Marlene Price, Jane Faulkner, John Bray, Georgia Smedburg, Christine Chadwick, Geffrey Davies and David Hooker.

In the Festival the Beehives had to tell a story, and the others gave extemporaneous talks, those of the Laurels and Ensigns being based on a picture they were shown, while the M Men Gleaner group were given a question, and the Mutual Study group spoke on "What happiness means to me". The adjudicators said how very pleased they were with the standard of the entries.

The Drama Festival followed, with three entries. Leicester Ward's play "Four Minutes" was written by David Hooker and received special praise on this account; it was also well produced and received an "Excellent" rating.

Walsall Branch were awarded "Good" with their production of "The Soldier and the Woman", and special commendation went to Margaret Woods, who was unanimously voted the best actress of the evening.

"Martyr in Waiting", presented by Birmingham Ward, was also marked "Good", and the adjudicators complimented the cast on their costumes and choice of subject. In all it was a rewarding evening for all who took part.

★ BIRMINGHAM Ward held a Farewell social on May 10th for Max and Carole Milligan who are shortly leaving the ward for the Bristol area. The party had a Scottish theme and all the Bishopric sported full Scottish dress. After a medley of Scottish songs from the members of the M.I.A. and a selection from "Chitty chitty bang bang" by the Primary children, there was a sketch written by Dorothy Reeves and performed by the Bishopric and some of the sisters. After an interval in which refreshments were served there were two fancy dress parades, for the under 12's and over 12's. The programme was arranged and organised by Bro. and Sis. Keytes.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ The annual Visiting Teachers Convention of the Mission was held in the Edinburgh Chapel recently, presided over by Mission Pres. Egbert J. Brown. Sally Brown, Mission Relief Society president conducted the programme which included musical numbers by the Aberdeen and Dundee Singing Mothers, a demonstration on Visiting teaching by the Dundee district, reports from each District Relief Society President, and talks from the Mission leaders. Sister Elva M. Brown, wife of the Mission President, presented corsages to the 100% Visiting teachers.

A meal had been prepared for all those attending the convention, and afterwards musical items were heard from Isabel Green, Hamilton District, and Marva Rydalch, Joyce Roberts and Shirley Topp of the Kilmarnock District. A talk on the history of Relief Society was given by Moira Finnie, Kilmarnock District. Before the meeting closed Shirley Topp, Ayr Branch, was declared the winner of the poem contest with the subject of Visiting Teaching.

★ On April 26th, the KILMARNOCK Branch M.I.A. visited Rowallan Castle, home of the former Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan. The castle was open to visitors that weekend, while the Kilmarnock Flower club held their Spring display of flower arrangements. Arrangements were shown in many interesting ways, all being fine examples of this growing art. One particular setting was a very fine model of a scouts' camp fire, the flowers and leaves being realistically arranged to give the appearance of flames and smoke.

While at the castle the M.I.A. also visited the old castle which is no longer habitable, which was the home of the Muirs of Rowallan. Gilchrist Muir built the original tower on lands granted him by Alexander III after the battle of Largs in 1263. Elizabeth Muir was the first wife of King Robert II. During the 17th century the castle belonged to William Muir a noted covenanter.

LEEDS STAKE

★ Fifty-seven guests sat down at the HUDDERSFIELD M.I.A.'s dinner on May 15th. Guests of honour at the Turkey Dine-Out were Stake Pres. and Sis. Dennis Livesey, celebrating their 22nd year of married happiness. During the evening 9 awards recently gained at a Creative Arts Exhibition were presented. The food, so deliciously prepared by the Relief Society's culinary wizards, was delicately served by waiters who looked suspiciously like several notable

members of the Ward's Aaronic Priesthood Adult group.

★ The Tuesday Evening Badminton players at the Leeds Stakehouse are interested in hearing from Wards or Branches who would care to cross racquets with them in friendly matches. Anyone interested can write to them c/o The Stakehouse, Birchenclilffe, Huddersfield, Yorks.

★ March saw the Athletic programme well on its way with the Stake Athletic Meet held at Cleckheaton. A good number of participants turned up and were cheered on by a larger crowd of spectators than has usually been present. It was obvious by the results that many of the Stake's young athletes have been in hard training and fair notice is given that they will go on to the British Finals with resolution and determination backed by strenuous training.

★ A Restoration Ball was held on May 16th at the Stake House, as part of a week-end of Commemoration Events to recall the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood. The decoration of the hall was a joint effort and a fine example of inter-co-operation. The 3rd Elders Quorum blacked out the windows and provided the fairyland illuminations whilst several talented young saints from the Leeds Ward added the decorations which included an ingenious waterfull. Catering by the Relief Society sisters of the Bradford ward was excellent, but unfortunately the demand exceeded the supply. A giant cake was sung in to a chorus of "Happy Birthday to us", led by Master Chorister Elder Paddy Ryan of the Stake High Council. Music for the evening was provided by the Ken Baxter Six, and proved to be of a very high standard, with a programme enjoyed by young and old alike. During the interval dancing exhibitions were given by several wards, and Huddersfield presented a very pleasing display of precision dancing. The team, led and trained by Mutual leader Jean Ford, had an extra dancer in it's ranks when it entered the hall to perform in the person of Bishop Neil McEwen. The spirit of the evening was one of high standards, friendship, and gratitude for all those who had worked so hard to make the Ball the success that it so evidently was.

★ BARNSLEY Branch held an outing on April 25th when 25 members attended a stirring performance of "Waltzes in Vienna" produced by the Barnsley YMCA Amateur Operatic Society. Everyone enjoyed it very much especially Branch Pres. T. Howard Firth, who led a sing song on the way home.



Pat Matharay warming up in the ladies long jump event.



Fred Petty winning the high jump, note his long legs.



Ann Smithson winning the long jump event.



Stephen Turner breasting tape to gain 200 yd. crown.

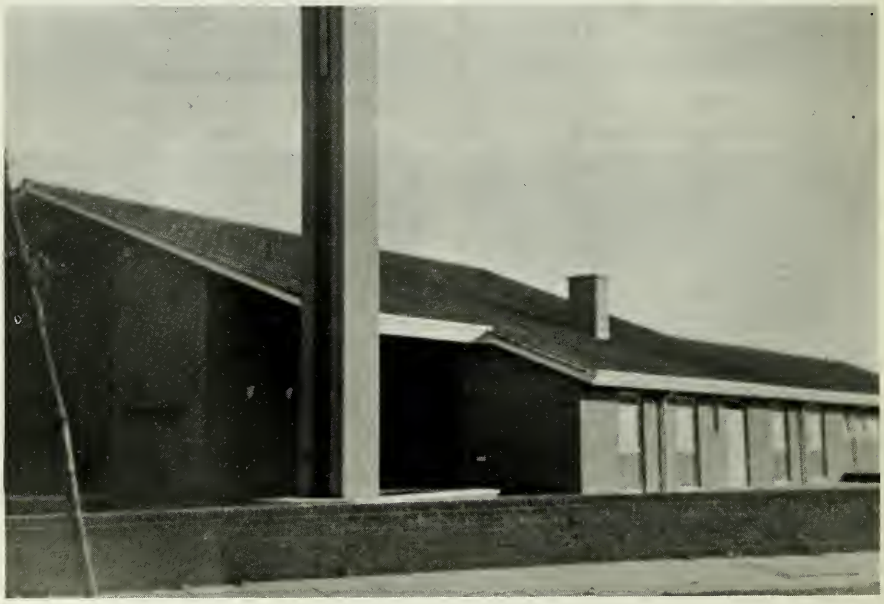
SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ Darwin Laurie, aged 12, a deacon in the HARTLEPOOL Ward recently won £10 in premium bonds for inventing the best Hartlepool slogan, which was, "Hartlepool for power and progress". This slogan will be franked on 8,000,000 letters in the next few years. Darwin received his prize from the Mayor, in the Mayor's parlour. A representative of the firm constructing an atomic power station at Seaton Carew, near Hartlepool, was also present.

★ On Friday, May 2nd, the PETERLEE Primary held a Pie and Pea supper. After the meal, a film entitled "Zion Builders" was shown. This had been filmed by Edward Woodmas during the

building of the Peterlee chapel. North Shield members, who are to construct a chapel like this one, were also invited. Happy memories were brought back to the members as they watched the film and the visitors saw what a good time the saints had as Zion Builders.

★ A team of Peterlee and Billingham girls won the Stake Netball competition on May 3rd at Sunderland. They will next play against the Manchester Stake team. The girls are: Christine Amos, Anne Bowron, Jane Gizzie, Janis Noble, Denise Noble, Trudy Graham and Barbara Fortune.



Billingham Chapel recently dedicated by Elder John Longden.

Billingham Chapel Dedicated

★ BILLINGHAM Ward chapel was dedicated on Sunday May 18th. Members have worked hard to raise the money to pay off their debt in less than a year from the opening date.

Speakers at the service were Bishop John Dale, Building Supervisor Horace Foote, Stake Pres. Frederick W. Oates and Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, who offered the dedicatory prayer. Ann Ingram bore her testimony and the Ward Relief Society and Priesthood choirs also took part in the programme.

Elder Longden Dedicates South London Ward Chapel

★ "Satan had the audacity to tempt Christ. He will not hesitate to tempt us."

These were the words of Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Council of Twelve at the dedication of the South London Ward Chapel on Sunday, 9th May, 1969. He went on to say Satan is running amock among young people today. Advertisers make evil things look very tempting and very desirable but these people are only concerned with parting you from your money. They are not concerned with your health, your welfare, your soul or your eternal salvation.

The Church is concerned with saving souls and with eternal progression. Service in the Church is the way to defeat Satan and the road to salvation. Honour those people who are set to preside over you. Answer calls to serve. It has taken effort and sacrifice to build and pay for this fine Chapel—don't stop now, there is much to do. Service and warnings of santanic influences around us were the theme of his talk.

Over 400 people were in attendance. South London Ward Choir sang "The Morning Breaks" and "What was Witnessed in the Heavens?" Sisters Marie



South London Chapel dedicated by Elder John Longden.

Chiles and Pauline Doggett sang "The Lord is my Shepherd".

Other talks were given by Elder David Fletcher, who was a building missionary on the construction, and Elder Bert Watson of the Bishopric who also recalled instances which happened during the construction of the Chapel. Bishop Walter J. Chiles, who was Bishop of the South London Ward during construction, and Pres. Joseph W. Darling, who was President of the London Stake during construction reminisced on how their testimonies had been strengthened by events that had happened to them on this site.

Bishop W. F. Stevenson spoke on the theme "Lift up your Light that it may shine unto the world. behold, I am the Light which you should hold up" and Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead, spoke of the Church programmes and our future. He said, "this is only one instance in a fast-growing Church and further evidence that the work of the Lord is being speeded". Bishop W. F. Stevenson read messages from Bishop Terence F. Greenwood, first Bishop of the South London Ward, and Elder Ephraim Falslev, who was the Building Supervisor—both now residing in Utah. The soundness of the building was tested when the congregation fairly raised the roof in singing "God of our Fathers". It was inded a spiritual feast which will be long remembered by all who were present.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ To Bro. and Sis. Wall, Grimsby Branch, North British Mission, a son, Zeth.

★ To James and Marie Davies, Hereford Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Jonathan Gareth Huw.

★ To Rodney and Valerie Dovaston, Hereford Branch, Central British Mission, a son.

★ April 17th—To Jack and Wendy Oldham, Gorleston Branch, British Mission, twin sons, Robert and Richard.

★ April 17th—To Andrew and Kathleen McMurray, (nee Haynes), Hucknall Branch, Leicester Stake, a son, David Andrew.

★ April 26th—To Peter and Patricia Copeman, (nee Whittaker) formerly of Norwich Branch, British Mission, now residing in Malta, a son, Richard Peter.

★ May 9th—To Bro. and Sis. John Jest, Chelmsford Branch, British Mission, a son, Graham John.

ENGAGEMENTS

★Averial Ann Collier of Dundee to Arthur V. Harris of Helston, Cornwall. The couple will be married in the Preston Chapel on 6th September 1969, and will attend the Temple on the 8th September. They wish to extend an invitation to any of their friends who can be with them.

★ Albert George Harris, Cornwall, at present with H.M.F. in Germany, to Miss Saline Wilke of Iserlohn, Germany.

★ Anthony J. Breen to Wendy F. Bigwood, both of Ilford Branch, British Mission.

MARRIAGES

★ On the 19th April 1969, the marriage between Ian Leslie Thorpe and Kelsay Gibbard both of Rugby, took place at the Northampton Chapel. The Ceremony was performed by Pres. Alan Hughes of Rugby Branch. The bride wore a white



Kellsay Gibbard, Ian Thorpe after their wedding at Northampton Chapel.

silk dress with a long lace train, a headress of flowers and veil completed her ensemble. There were five bridesmaids who were cousins of the bride and bridegroom, and the best man was the groom's brother Adrian.

The reception took place at the New Bilton Conservative Club, Rugby.

OBITUARIES

★ Edith Brown of the Mansfield Branch, Leicester stake, passed away suddenly on April 22nd 1969. A member of the Church since her teenage years, Sis. Brown held many positions in the branch mainly connected with Relief Society, and until the time of her death

she was responsible for making articles for bazaars, where she was noted for her insistance on a high standard of workmanship in her own and other people's work. She had a lovely contralto voice and often sang in branch meetings; she was also the branch chorister for many years as well as serving as Stake chorister and a member of the Stake Relief Society Board.

Sister Brown was indeed a gifted person with many qualities, supporting her family throughout her husband's long illness, without a word of complaint. Her life was a wonderful example to those who knew her and she will be greatly missed.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the remaining members of her family.

★ Alberta Trickett of Carlisle Branch, passed peacefully away in her sleep on May 19th aged 71, after suffering for a number of years with a serious heart condition.

She was a faithful member and worked hard in Relief Society where she contributed greatly with her beautiful knitting.

The funeral service was held on May 22nd at the Carlisle Chapel under the direction of Pres. Ramsbottom. A talk on the Resurrection was given by Elder Britton and Pres. Ramsbottom paid tribute to Sis. Trickett's sincerity and devotion to the Church. Pres. Irvine dedicated the grave.

ANNOUNCEMENT

★ Those people who were at Leicester Regional meeting and wanted to know how to get "Plastitak" in this country, please contact:

Sis. Una V. Budge, 47 Manor Court, Leigham Avenue, London S.W.16.

★ Funeral services were held for Norman Langridge of the South London Ward on 4th April. Bro. Langridge was 68 and had been a member of the Church eight years.

Bishop W. F. Stevenson at the funeral said of Bro. Langridge:

"He was very close to the Lord and he came here against all odds, and in spite of his physical inability. Although his body was frail he radiated a spirit of strength and love that endeared him to all who knew him, and the spiritually weak were inspired by his strength."

Although he suffered from great pain, he was always to be seen in the South London Ward Chapel with his portable oxygen bottle, an inspiration to many people. He never gave up, said Bishop Stevenson. He longed to serve the Lord but had been physically incapablle of doing so for a long time.



British South Mission Dance Festival.

400 Attend Dance Festival In British South Mission

By Gillian Brown-Lee

★ On April 26th, the British South Mission held its annual Dance Festival at the Reading Chapel. The Festival, which was run by the Thames Valley District Y.W.M.I.A. Leaders, had as its theme "A Century of Dance", in commemoration of this, the centenary year of the Y.W.M.I.A.

The judges were President Peter Williams, and Gladys Williams, of Peterborough Branch, Central British Mission, and Joan Child, the wife of British South Mission President, J. W. Child.

The theme was admirably carried by over sixty dancers from the four Districts of the Mission, who performed dances from each 25 years of the century 1869-1969. The dresses were very colourful and well thought out, and the over all performance was excellent entertainment. Included in the wonderful variety of dances were the

square dance, cha cha, swing, tango, rhumba, waltz cotillion, and Floral Dance.

The Festival was won by Portsmouth District with an excellent display, including the old time waltz, polka, Veleta, La Mascott, quickstep, Charleston, modern waltz, Madison, and March of the Mods.

Gifts were presented to the two lady judges by Kate Rickers and Carolyn Brown-Lee of the High Wycombe Branch, Thames Valley District.

★ The Dance Festival was followed at 8.00 p.m. by the Mission Ball, which was also organised by the Thames Valley District M.I.A. Leaders, with President Derek Parkin, 2nd counselor in the District Presidency as M.C. and Betty Hunter in charge of the refreshments team.

About 400 people attended the ball, which was an outstanding success. The hall was beautifully decorated to a national theme, with giant gold wreaths with red, white and blue rosette centres. The square of the dance floor was outlined up above by large red, white streamers. Suspended from the ceiling were more flowers and streamers in large hanging baskets. Around the walls hung plaques joined by red, white and blue paper hangings.

The short but unusual cabaret was provided by Betty Hunter and Norman Harmon from the winning team in this year's "Come Dancing" programme. They performed a new progressive dance done on Television, called "The Witzie Bounce", and afterwards taught it to a large number of the dancers.

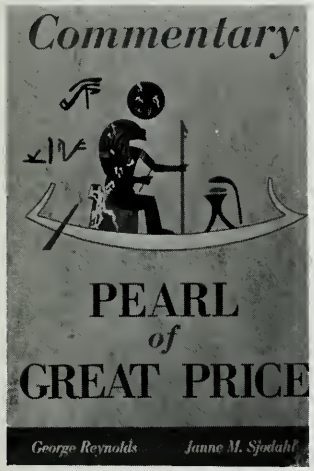


Darwin Laurie receiving his prize from the Mayor of Hartlepool. (Photo courtesy of the Northern Daily Mail.)

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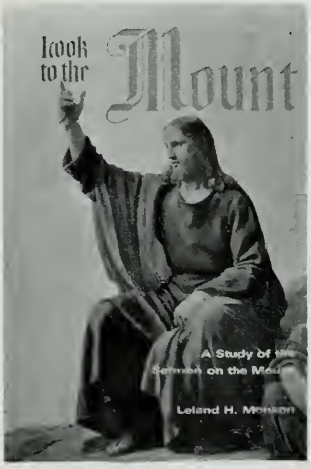
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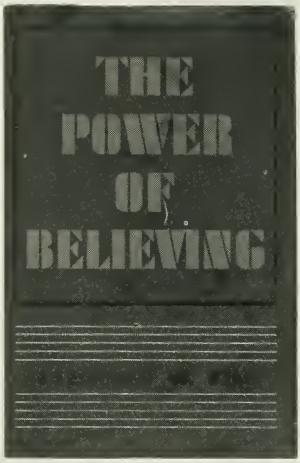
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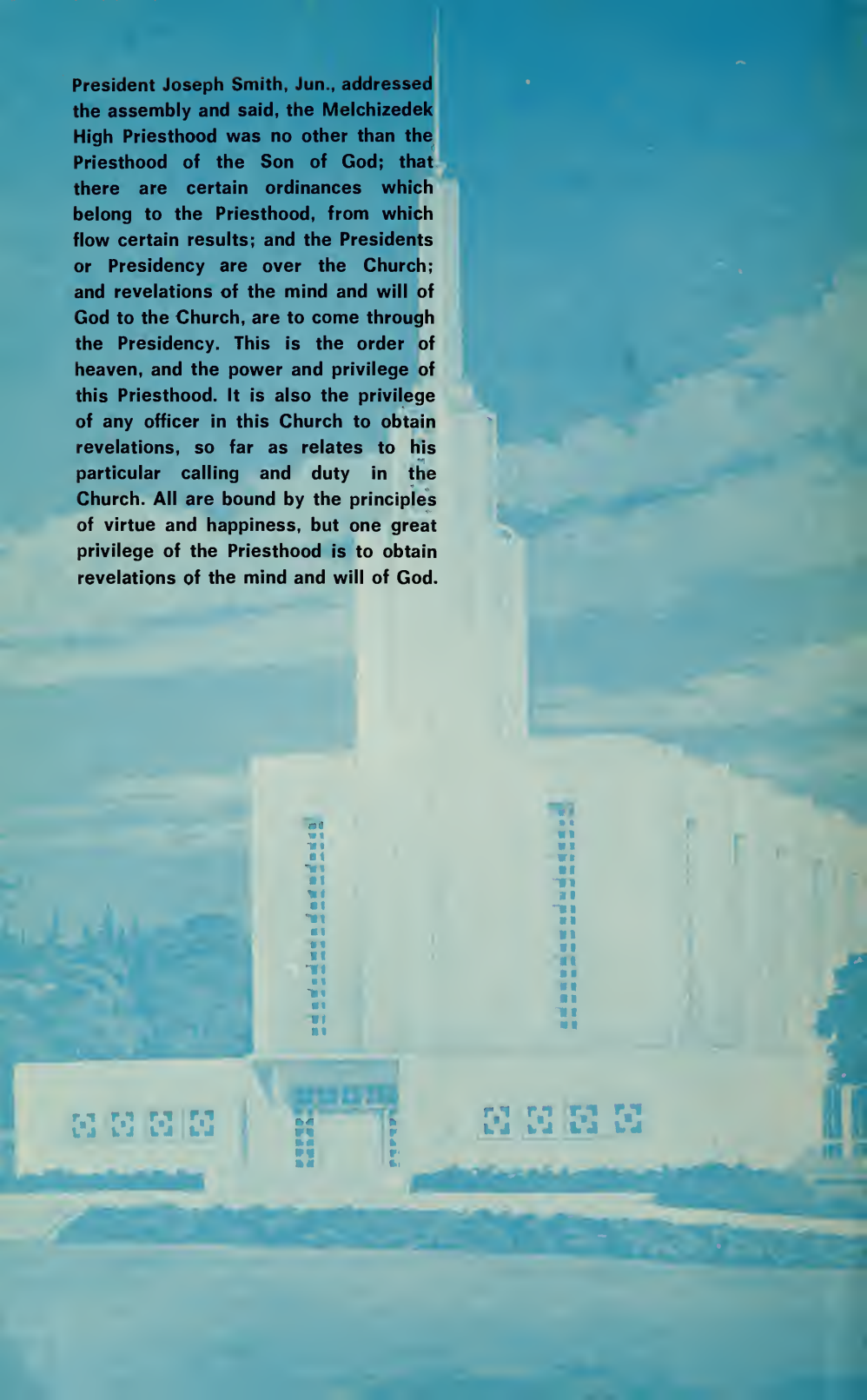
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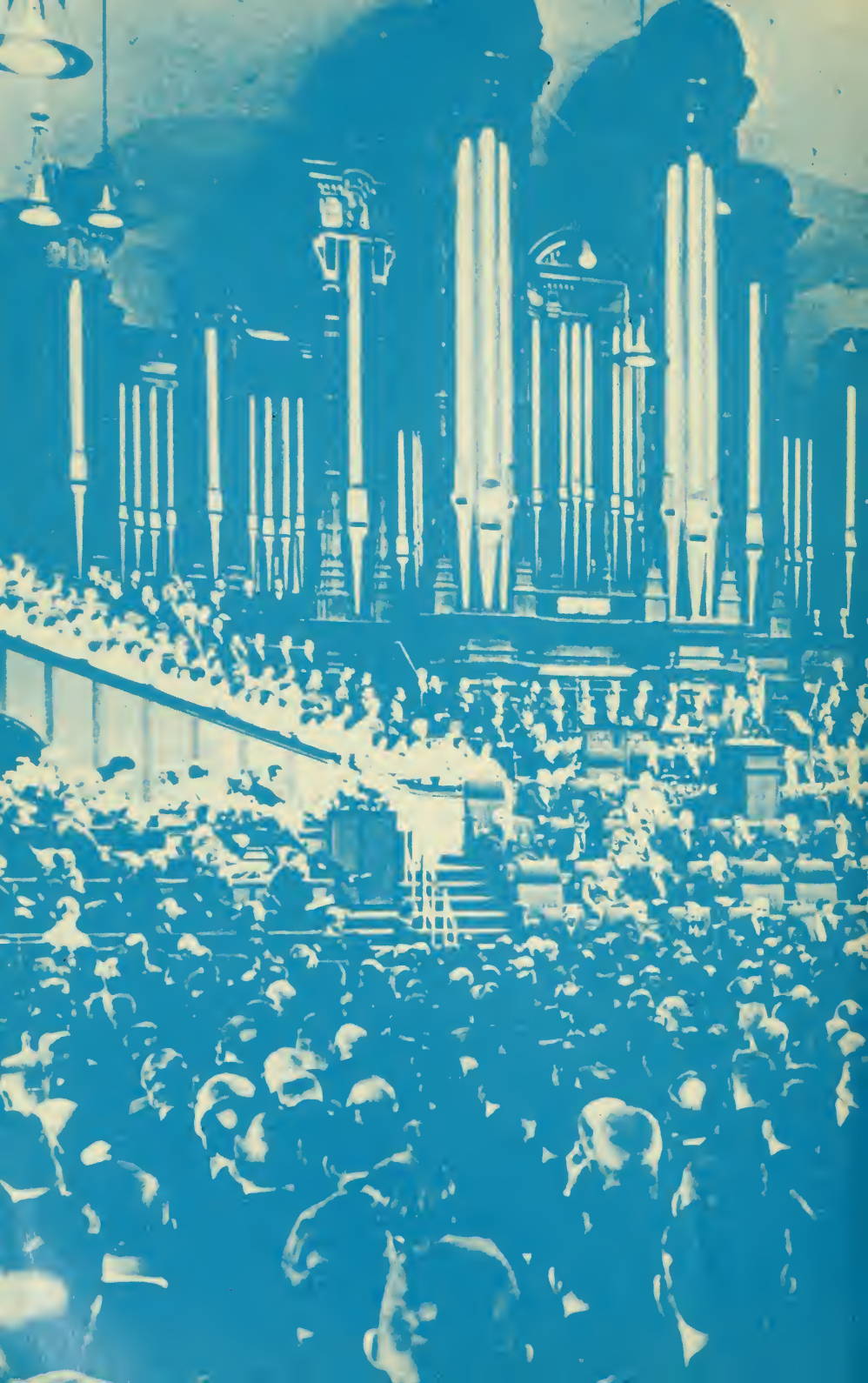
President Joseph Smith, Jun., addressed the assembly and said, the Melchizedek High Priesthood was no other than the Priesthood of the Son of God; that there are certain ordinances which belong to the Priesthood, from which flow certain results; and the Presidents or Presidency are over the Church; and revelations of the mind and will of God to the Church, are to come through the Presidency. This is the order of heaven, and the power and privilege of this Priesthood. It is also the privilege of any officer in this Church to obtain revelations, so far as relates to his particular calling and duty in the Church. All are bound by the principles of virtue and happiness, but one great privilege of the Priesthood is to obtain revelations of the mind and will of God.



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How Beautiful!

How beautiful the rose whose appearance is pleasing,
How delightful the singing bird with its cheerful sound,
How cute the little lambs; their mother's ever teasing,
How glorious the beauty of this world all around.

How bright the sun's rays are on a scorching summers day,
How comparative to the fires that forever glow,
How sweet are all the children enthused in joyful play,
How marvellous the colours of the sweeping rainbow.

How pleasant are the rivers rippling constantly,
How majestic the mountains so prominent above,
How graceful our Father reigning immorality,
How forgiving, merciful and so enriched with love.

How stunning is nature; how brilliant each creation,
How innocent the child who, through God's grace you've been blessed
How wonderful the people of every nation.
How loving the mother in whose arms her child's caressed.

How devoted is the love of sisters and brothers,
How fresh are the early mornings; grass covered in dew,
How rewarding if you look for the good in others,
How Heavenly Father will look for the good in you.

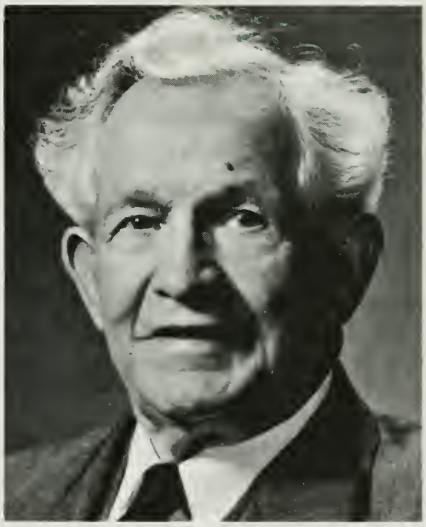
—Sister Harrison, Belfast, Ireland

Help Make Our Chapels Truly Places For Worship

By President David O. McKay

★ Reverence embraces regard, deference, honour, and esteem. Without some degree of it there would be no courtesy, no gentility, no consideration of other's feelings or of other's rights. It is the fundamental virtue in religion. Reverence is one of the signs of strength, irreverence one of the surest indications of weakness. No man will rise high who jeers at sacred things. The fine loyalties of life must be reverenced, or they will be foresworn in the day of trial.

Many years ago I walked with a group through those old halls of Westminister Abbey. Everybody spoke in whispers. In one place we were asked to take off our shoes. It was more to save the old floor, though, than to pay deference or reverence to the room.



President David O. McKay

PROPER REVERENCE INVITED

At another time when I was on a trip round the world, my companions and I visited some of the temples of Budha and Shinto. We had to take our shoes off before we entered. We are not going to worship houses, and we certainly do not wish to violate the command of God to worship images, but we do want to be courteous, deferential, reverent, when we enter the presence of our Lord, to whom all should give reverence.

If you were invited to go before a Governor-general, before one of Royalty you would prepare in dress and in attitude so as to appear properly in his presence. Our houses are dedicated by the Priesthood, and our chapels are consecrated for the worship of the

Lord, and we give them over to Him. It is not just a mere act, and I promise you, that the Lord will be there and we shall feel His presence, if we approach Him properly. That is a fact because He lives, and this is His Church, and you are His servants by divine right.

WE CAN TRACE AUTHORITY

I know the world thinks we are unreasonable, fantastic in our ideas when we tell them that there is no other authorised Church, but that is true. The Priesthood came direct from our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is the great High Priest, and He authorised Peter, James and John, on whom He bestowed that Priesthood, to bestow It upon the Prophet Joseph Smith; and John the Baptist, who held the Aaronic Priesthood to bestow the Aaronic Priesthood upon Joseph Smith. Joseph Smith did not take it; it came direct, and the members of the priesthood can trace their ordinations, probably within eight steps, right back to the Saviour Himself.

When we go into the chapel, let us go in there realising that we are in the presence of our Heavenly Father, and we sit and commune reverently from within. Happines is from within. It must be, as one of the brethren said, an individual matter. What right have I to go into a chapel and speak in loud tones and disturb somebody who is communing, probably praying in his heart?

★ All of the performances of human art, at which we look with praise or wonder, are instances of the resistless force of perseverance if a man was to compare the effect of the spade with the general design and last result, he would be overwhelmed by the sense of their disproportion;yet, those petty operations, incessantly continued, in time surmount the greatest difficulties, and mountains are levelled and oceans bounded, by the slender force of human beings.

—Samuel Johnson

Man's Role—Go Ever Forward

By President Hugh B. Brown

★ We proclaim the scriptural and inspiring doctrine that man should look up, not down for his source, for he is of divine lineage; that man is innocent at birth, which is the antithesis of the ball and chain doctrine of original sin and innate wickedness.

"Every spirit of man was innocent in the beginning; and God having redeemed man from the fall, men became again, in their infant state, innocent before God." (D&C 93:38.)

Man faces a vista of limitless development, eternal progression, if he will cooperate in winning mastery over himself and the universe. We believe that man's earth life was made possible by Adam's role in a foreordained plan which included the provision for man to come face to face with both good and evil and, under the eternal law of free agency, elect good or evil without compulsion, knowing however that under the immutable law of the harvest he must abide the consequences of his choice, must reap as he sows. Free agency is prerequisite to any character-building plan, and while with free agency any plan is inevitably crammed with risk, we, with all the sons of God, accepted that risk and shouted for joy at the prospect of earth life. The Lord said to Job,

WE "SHOUTED FOR JOY"

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? . . .

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4,7.)

"If God is in fact our Father, then we, Father and children, belong to the same society of eternal intelligences. Among them He is supreme, He is the most advanced, most powerful, and most intelligent.

"Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organised before the world was; and

among all these there were many of the noble and great ones . . .

"I am the Lord, thy God, I am more intelligent than they all." (Abraham 3:22,19.)

When we say man may become like our Father, we do not mean to humanize God, but rather to deify man—not as he now is but as he may become. The difference between us is indescribably great, but it is one of degree rather than of kind.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, . . . " (John 1:12.)

CONTINUING PROCESS

To the Latter-day Saints salvation or being saved does not imply a sudden transformation or metamorphosis into something entirely unlike one's nature nor can it be achieved by mere mental assent or sudden conversion. It is rather a continued process of becoming or unfolding pursuant to law and divine plan, of bringing one's life into harmony with eternal and inexorable law.

We believe that in his infinite and eternal development toward a Godlike status, man moves toward and through a turnstile called death; that there is no interruption of life at this portal, for eternity is indefinitely prolonged time. We believe that man, after passing through this turnstile, will continue his eternal journey from the point where his actions in this life have brought him. "Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection." (D&C 130:18.) To deny the possibility of eternal progression is to accept the awful alternative of eventual stagnation which would be damnation.

THE GLORY OF GOD

We believe that being saved involves education, that man cannot be saved in ignorance any more than he can be saved in sin, for as the glory of God is intelligence, or light and truth, so the degree of our intelligence will be the measure of our glory. Neither the ignorant nor the sinner would be comfortable or at home in heaven. This concept glorifies intelligence as well as righteousness. But let us not confuse mere knowledge with intelligence. The knowledge of which we speak must seek enlightenment and be applied with wisdom. The knowledge that will save us is not mere know-how, certainly not cunning or mental agility or sagacity; it is not just erudition. The wise man may not be learned, and the learned are not always wise. The intelligence which is the glory of God is all knowledge (and knowledge is power) applied with supreme wisdom and total righteousness.

One Of The Great Evils Of Today Sexual Immorality

By Elder Ezra Taft Benson
Council of the Twelve

★ Sexual immorality is a viper that is striking not only in the world, but in the Church today. Not to admit it is to be dangerously complacent or is like putting one's head in the sand. In the category of crimes, only murder and denying the Holy Ghost come ahead of illicit sexual relations, which we call fornication when it involves an unmarried person, or the graver sin of adultery when it involves one who is married. I know the laws of the land do not consider unchastity as serious as God does, nor punish as severely as God does, but that does not change its abominableness. In the eyes of God there is but one moral standard for men and women. In the eyes of God chastity will never be out of date.

The natural desire for men and women to be together is from God. But such association is bounded by His laws. Those things properly reserved for marriage, when taken within the bonds of marriage, are right and pleasing before God and fulfil the commandment to multiply and replenish the earth. But those same things when taken outside the bonds of marriage are a curse.

No sin is causing the loss of the Spirit of the Lord among our people more today than sexual promiscuity. It is causing our people to stumble, damming their growth, darkening their spiritual powers, and making them subject to other sins.

SIN TREATED FLIPPANTLY

Recently, a young man commented that if he quit reading books, watching TV, seeing movies, reading newspapers and magazines, and going to school, there was a chance he might live a clean life. And this explains, in large part, the extent to which this insidious evil has spread, for the world treats this sin flippantly. These evil forces build up your lust and then fail to tell of the tragic consequences. In so many movies the hero is permitted to get away with crime so long as he can joke

about it, or explain he was powerless to do anything, or else at the close of the movie show forth one minimal virtue that is supposed to cover over the grossest of sin. Many of our prominent national magazines pander to the baser side, but then try to cover for themselves by including other articles, too.

So garbled in values have our morals become that some youth would not dare touch a cigarette but freely engage in petting. Both are wrong, but one is infinitely more serious than the other.

Parents should give their children specific instructions on chastity at an early age, both for their physical and moral protection I commend to you as a basis for judgment pertaining to the matter of chastity a statement written by Mrs. Wesley to her famous son John: "Would you judge of the lawfulness of pleasure? Take this rule: Now note, whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, takes off your relish for spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of the body over the mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may seem in itself."

SOME STEPS TO AVOID

May I sugest some steps to avoid the pitfalls of immorality:

(1) Avoid late hours and weariness.



Elder Ezra Taft Benson

The Lord said retire to your bed early (D&C 88:124), and there are good reasons for that. Some of the worst sins are committed after midnight by tired heads. Officers in the wards and stakes, branches and missions should not keep our people, especially our youth, up late at night even for wholesome recreation.

(2) Keep your dress modest. Short skirts are not pleasing to the Lord, but modesty is. Girls, do not be an enticement for your downfall because of your immodest and tight-fitting clothes.

(3) Have good associates or don't associate at all. Be careful in the selection of your friends. If in the presence

of certain persons you are lifted to nobler heights, you are in good company. But if your friends or associates encourage base thoughts, then you had best leave them.

(4) Avoid necking and petting like a plague, for necking and petting is the concession which precedes the complete loss of virtue.

(5) Have a good physical outlet of some sport or exercise. Overcome evil with good. You can overcome many evil inclinations through good physical exertion and healthful activities. A healthy soul, free of the body-and-spirit-dulling influences of alcohol and tobacco, is in better condition to overthrow the devil.

THINK AND BE CLEAN

(6) Think clean thoughts. Those who think clean thoughts do not do dirty deeds. You are not only responsible before God for your acts but also for controlling your thoughts. So live that you would not blush with shame if your thoughts and acts could be flashed on a screen in your church. The old adage is still true that you sow thoughts and you reap acts. You sow acts and you reap habits, you sow habits and you reap a character, and your character determines your eternal destiny. "As a man thinketh, so is he." (Prov. 23:7.)

(7) Pray. There is no temptation placed before you which you cannot shun. Do not allow yourself to get in positions where it is easy to fall. Listen to the promptings of the Spirit. If you are engaged in things where you do not feel you can pray and ask the Lord's blessings on what you are doing, then you are engaged in the wrong kind of activity.

Yes—avoid late hours; dress modestly; seek good associates; avoid necking and petting; have a good physical outlet; think good thoughts; pray.

May the Lord bless us as a people. We have taken upon us sacred covenants. We must be faithful. We are in the world, it is true ,but we must not partake of the evils of the world. Let us be ever on guard against the flattery of prominent men in the world, false educational ideas, and sexual impurity.

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THE RAIN

by Alice Summers of the Bradford Ward

The earth's o'ercast and thunder rolls;
Black clouds are gathered in the sky;
The sheep are herded to their folds,
And twittering birds bent homeward fly.
A peal of thunder rends the air,
Shaking the trembling fragile leaves;
The lightning with it's vivid glare
Flashes through the darkened trees.
When suddenly the gentle rain
falls upon the vivid earth;
Lightly tapping drops that gain
volume with increasing mirth.
Till in all its heaviest gown
Suddenly the driest field
Over country, over town
Its beats unmercilessly wield.
Perhaps an hour or even more
Freshening the breezes as they sigh
Until the clouds exhaust their store
As suddenly the raindrops die.

★ One news story or radio or TV bit does not an image make;
Nor do a dozen refusals failure guarantee.
Perseverance will prevail, just work and watch and see.
—Elder John Ellsworth



Prophecies And Prophets

Elder LeGrand Richards

Council of the Twelve

★ I have great faith in the fulfilment of the prophecies. I think of the words of Jesus as He walked along the way to Emmaus following His crucifixion. The eyes of the two disciples, as you will recall, were holden that they could not recognise Him, and as He heard them talking of the things that had been done in Jerusalem, (His cruifixion), He answered, ". . . O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:" And then He explained to them from the scriptures the words of Moses and the prophets how that they had all testified of Him and of His work. Then we are told He opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. (See Luke 24.)

And then we have the words of Peter in which he said,

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (II Peter 1:19-21.)

And that is what makes the word of prophecy more sure than anything else in all this world.

ANALYSE PROPHECIES

We ought to analyse the prophecies with respect to this great latter-day dispensation and the preparation for the coming of the Son of Man as He testified to Caiaphas that He would come in the clouds of heaven.

I submit to you a statement about the need of a prophet. This is from a minister. While I was in the South, two conventions were held by one of the large churches in Atlanta, Georgia, and in one of them Bishop Warren A. Candler, among other things, made this statement:

"We need the reappearance of prophets sent from God."

Then Dr. Ainsworth discussed the condition of the world and the need of something to arrest the world from its present decadent condition, and said:

"Never in the nation's history was the arresting voice of a prophet of God more needed than it is today."

QUOTES MINISTER IN ENGLAND

Then here are the words of a minister in England some years ago:

"We all recognise that something has got to be done, for at the moment we are in a plight where our earthly leaders falter, our people drift and die. We cannot forget that when the blind set out to lead the blind, chances are that both will find themselves in a ditch. A dictator being out of the question, what about a prophet? The prophet never is self-appointed. It is well to keep that in mind. Nor is he chosen of his fellows. Always he is heaven-sent; yet I am cheered at the thought that he has the knack of appearing at the right time. That being so, I incline to the belief that our prophet must surely be getting ready for us. Let us not forget that; hope and pray as we will for his coming. Men have an old habit of greeting the true prophet with stones. We need not be surprised if an old-fashioned welcome awaits the prophet of our day. No one can say when such a prophet will come, but of our need of him there is no question."

We find people today who say, "Well, we could accept your message, but we cannot believe that Joseph Smith was a prophet." If they believe in the pre-existent life, they could then understand. When Jeremiah was called as a boy to be a prophet, he could not understand it, and the Lord said to him,

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee,

and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jer. 1:5.)

PROPHETS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN

The Lord not only knew Jeremiah, but he also knew Joseph Smith. Three thousand years ago the Lord revealed unto Joseph who was sold into Egypt, that in the latter-days, out of his loins, he would raise up a choice seer and a prophet like unto Moses. (2 Nephi 3:11, 14-17.)

And we read in holy writ that there was no prophet in all Israel like unto Moses because Moses talked with God face to face, and that is the kind of prophet the Lord promised Joseph he would raise up out of his loins in the latter days, and that Joseph Smith was this promised prophet is our testimony to the world. The things that Jesus and the prophets declared would have to be accomplished before His coming, could not be accomplished without a prophet through whom the Lord could work.

We read in Malachi where the Lord said through His prophet that He would send a messenger to prepare the way for His coming, and swiftly He would come to His temple. Who but a prophet could be this messenger? Has there ever been a time that He came swiftly to His temple? How could the temple be prepared for His coming without a prophet? This promise has reference to His second coming, for Malachi adds:

SWIFTLY TO HIS TEMPLE

" . . . who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap." (Mal. 3:2.)

So in His last coming, He will come swiftly to His temple. He will come to sit in judgment, as Malachi saw, and Malachi's thought's going along that same line, saw the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord in the latter-days when

". . . all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." (Ibid., 4:1.)

And then he goes on to say that before that day he would send Elijah the prophet to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children. Now why does not the world believe that Elijah will come? They can believe that he was taken to heaven in the clouds of heaven, in a flaming chariot, and here is the promise that he should come in the latter days. And we bear witness that Elijah did come, and because of the knowledge and the information he brought, we continue to build temples and do this great work that is being done in the temples of the Lord.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

When Peter was speaking to those who had put to death the Christ, he said,

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you." (Acts 3:19-20.)

Now, remember he had already been among them. He had already been crucified, and here is the promise of Peter that the Lord would send him again, but he adds:

"Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Ibid., 3:21.)

Now can one believe the Holy Bible and not believe that one of the preparatory things for the coming of the Redeemer of the world would be a "restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

HELP! POLICE! HELP!

(TO ALL Latter-day Saints serving as Police and Prison Officers)

★ Exploratory talks have commenced with a view to holding a Convention for Latter-day Saints who are serving as Police and Prison Officers in the late 1969 or early 1970. All such members or Bishops and Branch Presidents who have knowledge of said members, are invited to forward their names and addresses to:

Bro. W. J. Ashmead
110 Lutterworth Road,
Nuneaton, Warks.

who will then reply direct to ascertain views and recommendations for such a convention.



Elder Alma Sonne

Guidance A Beautiful Word

By Elder Alma Sonne

Assistant to the Twelve

★ Guidance is a beautiful word, it is a meaningful word. We all need to be guided and directed and inspired in our work and in our responsibilities.

I recall a poem I learned as a boy;

"Hand in hand with angels through the world we go;
"Brighter eyes are on us than we blind ones know;
"Tenderer voices greet us than we deaf will own;
"But never walking heav'nward can we walk alone."

Those who dislike guidance, it seems to me, lack in humility. Jesus believed in guidance. I read a verse from the Gospels:

". . . when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13.)

Mark the words "he will guide you into all truth . . . and he will shew you things to come." Of all the leaders who have lived upon the earth, only Jesus, the Lord, could make a promise like that. These words are tremendously important and reassuring, especially to those who are striving for a better life.

THE BEACON LIGHT

Christ's plan of salvation came to light gradually through holy prophets. Back of them is Jesus Christ, the light of the world, and the greatest of all the prophets. His Gospel is the beacon light. The voice of the prophets is the voice of God to generations past, present, and future. These prophets came as they were needed. They were chosen before they were born. Their messages were always vital, important, and timely. Their testimonies were strong and fervent. They called people to repentance. They rebuked sin in high places. Their mission was to purify and regenerate the human family and to turn the hearts of men to God, who is the Creator, the Ruler, and the Giver of life. These living oracles seldom argued. They announced and interpreted God's will and made no compromise whatever with worldly standards and patterns, however glowing and colourful they might appear.

You will realise the significance of Paul's question put to Agrippa and the others: "Believest thou the prophets?" Paul believed the prophets. He quoted their words to justify and substantiate his claims. I am convinced that the warnings and admonitions of the prophets, had they been duly regarded and respected, would have transformed the world, and evil forces operative in public life, now and in the past, would have been far less powerful.

FOLLOW THEIR TEACHINGS

We believe in prophets. We believe the only safe course for us is to follow the admonition of the prophets. Said Jesus:

"Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagagues, and persecute them from city to city." (Matt. 23:34.)

And then his concluding words: "That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, . . ." (Ibid., v. 35.) The deniers of God's servants were to answer for their repudiation of the prophets. Had the Jews believed John the Baptist and heeded his admonitions, many people (more than did), would have believed on Jesus the Christ. But they rejected him and maligned him. He was put in prison, like his predecessors, and finally put to death, but they could not entirely destroy his influence nor his memory. The common people, the meek and the lowly, listened, They heard his words and accepted his divine calling and followed him. But the magistrates and the rulers, the high and the mighty, the professional religionists, were not among the multitude which followed him to the River Jordan, but Jesus came, and Jesus was baptised by this great prophet, the

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Faith, A Vital Component Of Life

By Elder Milton R. Hunter
First Council of the Seventy

★ I would like to point out some of the laws upon which happiness is based. I will suggest, first that we must have faith if we are to be happy. We must have faith in God the eternal Father: that He is actually and literally the Father of our spirits; that He loves us abundantly; and that He controls within His hands, so to speak, the destiny of man and of nations. We must have faith that all will go well under His divine directorship; and that His divine plan will ultimately be fulfilled.



Elder Milton R. Hunter

We must have faith in Jesus Christ: faith that He is our Lord, our Master, our Saviour, our Redeemer, our Advocate with the Father. We must have faith that through the atoning blood which He spilled, He gave us immortality. We will rise from the grave; we will live again.

Also, we must have faith in the Gospel plan of salvation which He proclaimed and an assurance that if we render obedience to that Gospel plan we shall come back into the presence of God and receive a glorious exaltation and a fulness of joy.

We must have faith in our fellow men.

FAITH MOST IMPORTANT

We must have faith in ourselves: faith that we can accomplish the things which we righteously take into our hearts to accomplish. I know that we

may meet many disappointments; but if we are to be happy, we cannot take them too seriously. We must take them, so to speak, on the chin, and then with faith in our hearts continue forward.

Along with that faith, we must have courage—courage to meet the world with all of its perplexing problems from day to day. We must do away with all fear that is within our hearts. Fear is a destroyer of happiness. It confuses the mind. It brings about many distresses. We must remember and do as God told Joshua: ". . . Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest." (Joshua 1:9.) That is my faith.

GOOD HEALTH NECESSARY

I believe, also, that another basic root of happiness is good health. It is quite essential to a fulness of joy. God has blessed us with good health, and it is our job to live in such a way as to maintain that health that we may have an abundance of joy continuously. I know there are some people who are handicapped with poor health, and they are still able to control their thoughts and minds in such a way that they still experience a great amount of joy. However, it is far easier to experience a fulness of joy if our health is good.

I believe that one of the basic roots of happiness is work. When God gave Adam the commandment that he should earn his bread by the sweat of his face, and also proclaimed that the noxious weeds and other similar things that were placed upon the earth, and the troubles that we meet, are here for our own good, God proclaimed a great truth. I know of no thing which gives more joy to our hearts than to have a job that we like, and to do that job efficiently and well. An indescribable amount of peace and satisfaction comes into one's heart through work well done.

President David O. McKay has mentioned one very definite item basic to happiness. It is service. Joy comes as a result of serving our fellow men. We serve our God through service to his children. There is nothing sweeter in all the world than spiritual blessings which come as the result of losing our lives for the Master's sake, with the promise that someday we shall receive eternal life.

OBEDIENCE NECESSARY

The last basic item that I will mention—and it is rather inclusive and a very large one, if we are to be happy today, tomorrow, next week, continuously, and eternally—is: We must keep all of God's commandments. In other words, we must render obedience to " . . . every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God." (D&C 84:44.) You and I have joined the true Church

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The Spiritually Blind

There are those who profess God,
Yet are spiritually blind.
This is so often the case
When men use their mind.
And forget the heart
Must play its own part.
What joy in loving can such people find?

For they have their opinions
Of all that is good.
They obey the commandments
To do all they should.
And yet—does their heart
Play its true part?
I believe that it would if only it could.

But man in concern
To cause no displeasure
Has not felt the pangs
Of love without measure.
So his weak heart
Does not play its part
To give him "God's wisdom which he'd
ever treasure.

For God's spirit dwells
In the breast, not the brain.
And all other thinking
Is purely in vain.

For a seed in the heart
Will never depart.
If nurtured and grown in emotional pain.

Begin now to-day
Pray earnest and true.
That God—who is Love
Will come dwell in you.
And take to your heart—
The most sacred part
His Spirit of loving in all that you do.

Then will you see
And be no longer blind.
No more will you grope
Since no dark you will find.
For there in your heart
Will love play its part.
Contacting the brain to bring Peace to the mind.

—Jean Rose Marie Beswick, recent convert, Luton Ward, London Stake

★ "If children are to be brought up in the way they should go, to be good citizens here and happy hereafter, they must be taught. It is idle to suppose that children will grow up good, while surrounded with wickedness, without cultivation. It is folly to suppose that they can become learned without education."

—Joseph Smith
Times and Seasons
Jan. 15, 1842, P 662



Elder John Longden snips the ribbon opening the new Visitor's Centre at the London Temple observed by Pres. Joseph Hamstead.



Visitor's Centre, the Manor House, right.

Heavens Smiled Approval As Centre Dedicated

By Monitor C. Noyce

★ Wonderful summer weather prevailed as 1,400 members and friends heard Elder John Longden dedicate the beautiful new London Temple Visitors' Centre at New chapel, just north of East Grinstead, on June 14.

The Saints came by coach and car from throughout the British Isles for the most significant Church event to transpire here since the London Temple was dedicated in 1958.

Following the open-air service, on the lovely grounds conducted by London Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr., Elder Longden, an Assistant to the Twelve, snipped a blue ribbon and the £100,000 centre was opened.

Sharing the speaker's rostrum was Pres. Dougald C. McKeown of the London Temple.

Elder Longden declared The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is in the world to create love and to teach all to live the golden rule. He cited three great documents which encourage mankind to so live. These are the ten commandments, as given to Moses,



Elder Longden speaking, Sis. Archer in background.



Officials and dignitaries on the stand. From left, Sis. and Bro. Merrill, Sis. and Pres. McKeown, Elder Longden, Pres. Hamstead, Councillor Rushman, Mrs. Rushman, Pres. and Sis. Everton, Inspector Bowman and Mrs. Bowman.

the Sermon on the Mount, given by Jesus the Christ, as He lived in mortality, and the third, the Articles of Faith—a statement of belief of Latter-day Saints, as contained in the Wentworth Letter, known as the Articles of Faith, written by the Prophet Joseph Smith.

"There are many here today who have searched and received, for as the Saviour said in His Sermon on the Mount, 'blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.' We are here today to testify that the Church of Jesus Christ is on the earth."

Following his recitation of the 13 Articles of Faith, Elder Longden declared "the Gospel is here to dispell selfishness, greed and other evils, for its principles can be applied in any country, land or nation."

Elder Longden said "The Church extends the hand of fellowship to all and we are a witness that through the power of the Holy Ghost all who will believe, repent and are baptised may receive a new birth, a new life."

Elder Longden said if the pattern of such other centres is followed thousands of tourists and members will visit this centre each year. "We extend the hand of fellowship regardless of age,



Dignitaries stroll with Elder Longden. From left, Mrs. Bowman and Inspector Bowman, Mrs. Rushman and Councillor Rushman.

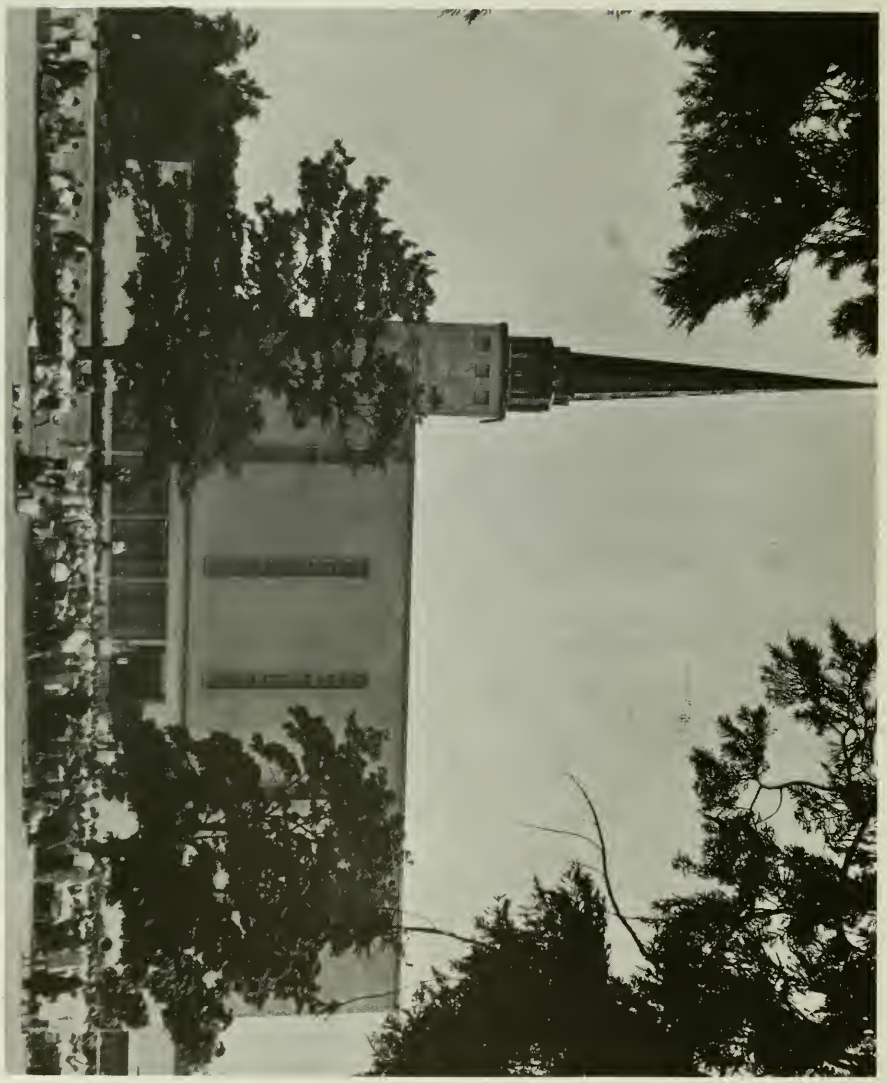
size, colour. We hope they will come to learn of the glorious temple, of the Church and the Gospel."

He spoke of Latter-day Saints living a "practical religion, not one that is adhered to only on Sunday morning, but every hour of every day, every day of the week, bringing joy and happiness into the lives of those who live it. For, Jesus Christ is at the head of the Church, He is the author of truth, the fountainhead, and President David O. McKay, the 96-year-old present day prophet, holds the mantel of authority for its direction here upon the earth."

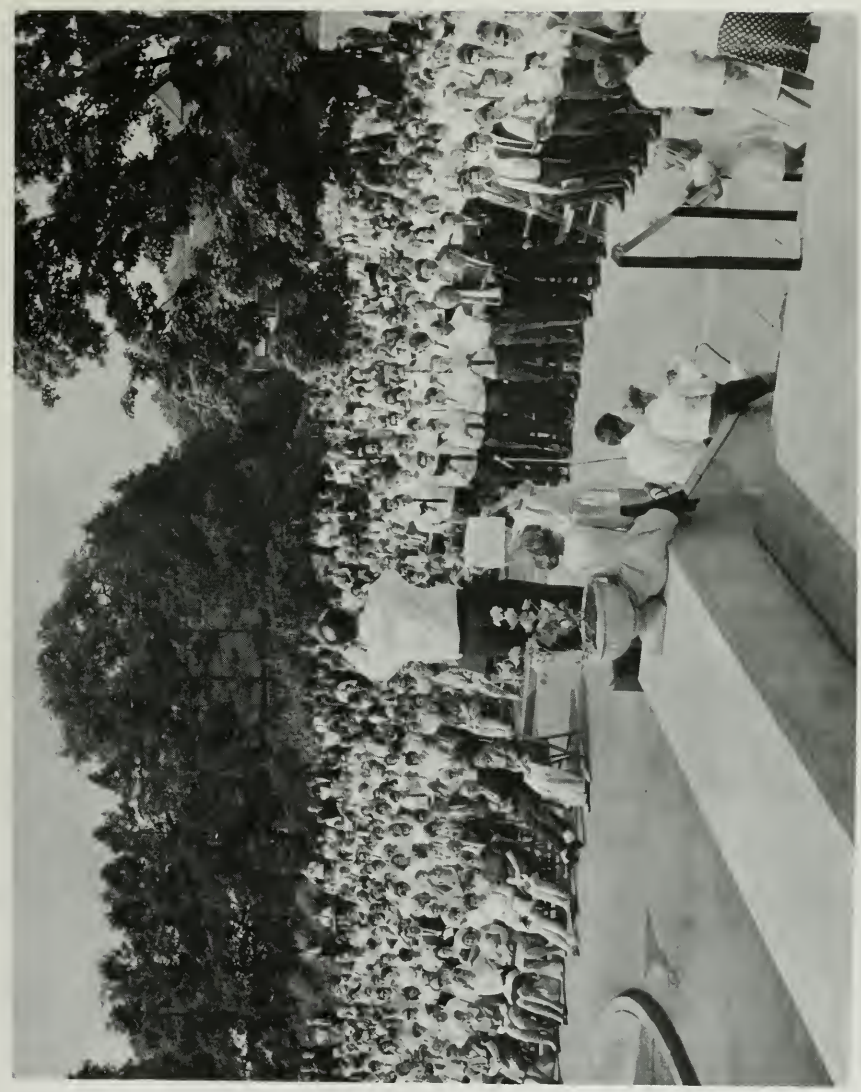
Elder Longden was accompanied by his wife, Sis. LaRue Longden who served many years as a counselor in the YWMIA General Presidency.

Pres. McKeown welcomed the addition of the new Centre to the Temple grounds and extended the hand of fellowship to the friends and neighbours.

He said, "we make the statement of our beliefs with no apology to anyone. We believe that God made us in His image, that we are His children, and that He wants us to join together for time and all eternity. We believe that Jesus died for all men."



View to the temple. (Photo by East Grinstead Courier.)



Frank Clifford directs choir.



Theatre of Visitors' Centre (Photo by Malcolm Powell, East Grinstead.)

Relief map showing chapel locations in the British Isles.

Pres. McKeown said "it is wonderful to be able to come to the House of the Lord here in the British Isles." He has presided over the temple the past year.

Eric Rushman, vice chairman of the East Grinstead Council, welcomed all Latter-day Saints to the city. "We are glad to see them and we are glad to be here today. We hold a great deal of respect for the members we have been acquainted with. We are happy to have you in our midst." Mrs. Rushman accompanied her husband. Other dignitaries present were Inspector Bowman of the Oxted Police, Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Beasley, headmaster of the Lingfield School and Mrs. Beasley.

Bro. and Sis. O. David Merrill, directors of the Centre, escorted the special guests and the press through the building. It will be open daily from 10 a.m. until sunset, announced Bro. Merrill.

Special guests also included Sis. Hamstead, Sis. McKeown, matron to the temple; Pres. Reed Callister and Sis. Callister of the British Mission; Pres. J. W. Child and Sis. Child of the British South Mission; Bro. Don K. Archer, former president of the BSM and Sis. Archer of Salt Lake City, Pres. Albert Parsons, first counselor in the



Interior of former Bureau . . .

London Temple presidency, who gave the benediction, and Sis. Parsons; Pres. George Everton, second counselor in the temple presidency, and Sis. Everton; Pres. Joseph A. Casbon of the Crawley Branch, BSM, who offered the invocation and Sis. Casbon; Bishop Monitor C. Noyce, managing editor of The Millennial Star, in charge of publicity, and Sis. Noyce. Committee planning the programme had Pres. Hamstead, chairman; with Pres. McKeown, Pres. Callister, Pres. Child, and Bishop Noyce as members.

A choir of some 200 members from the ward and branches throughout the British Isles, sang special numbers, directed by Frank Clifford of the BSM.

Ushering was provided by the London Stake missionaries and proselyting missionaries especially assigned from the British South and British Missions. Parking was directed by Boy Scouts from the Crawley Branch of the BSM.

Some visitors arrived early in the morning before the first temple session, in fact Bro. and Sis. Leslie Lloyd, Luton Ward, slept the night in their van on the temple grounds.

Many compliments were forthcoming on the beauty of the grounds, the new centre, and how everyone respected the sacred temple acreage.



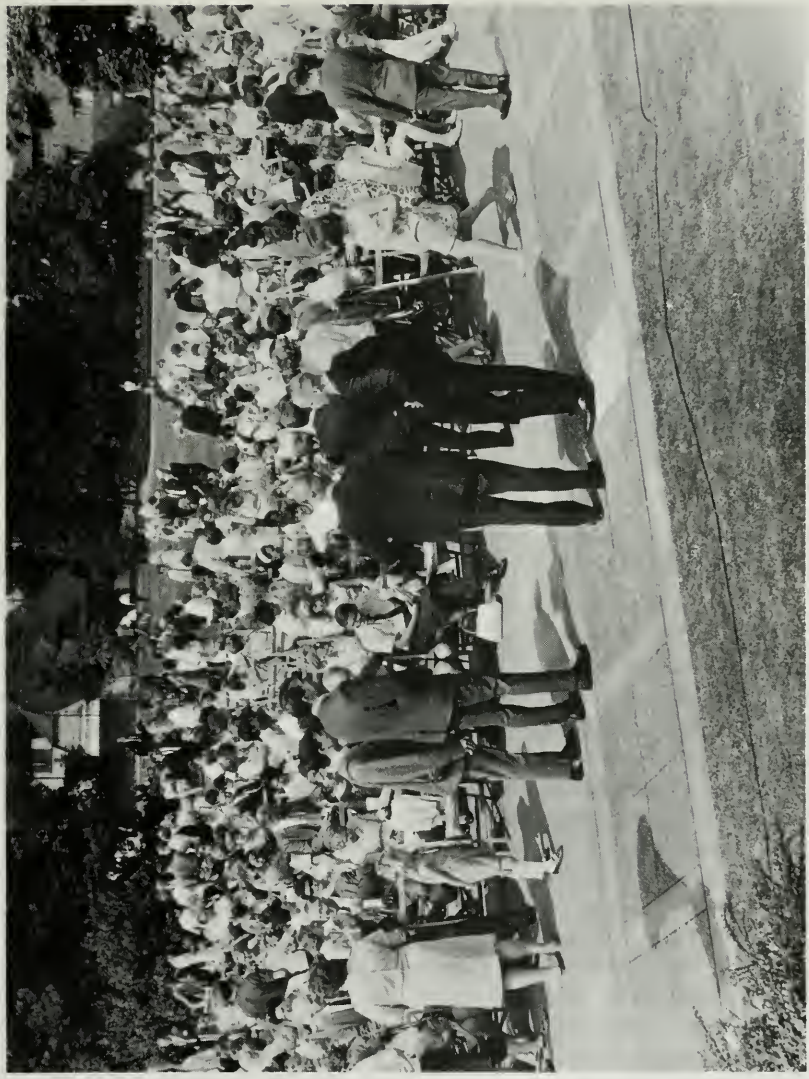
. . . and exterior. (Photos courtesy Bro. Richard P. Harris of Provo, Utah)



Elder Longden centre with Pres. and Sis. McKeown.
(Photo Studio Willowdale, East Grinstead)



Looking to Manor House and Big Oak Tree.



Crowd assembling prior to start of service.
(Photo courtesy East Grinstead Courier)



J. Wesley Christensen



David P. Parkinson

Seminary Programme Expansion

★ The appointment of three additional brethren to help direct the proposed expanded Seminary programme of the Church in the British Isles has been announced by Dr. Harvey L. Taylor, administrator of Church Schools, upon the recommendation of Dr. William E. Berrett, administrator of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion.

Appointed are J. Wesley Christensen as Division Coordinator of Seminaries in the newly created Scotland-Ireland District; David P. Parkinson and James R. Moss as home study supervisors.

John M. Madsen, Division Coordinator in England and Wales, introduced and implemented the Home Study Seminary Programme in August 1968 in the Leicester, Leeds and Manchester Stakes. Early morning seminaries were conducted in the Glasgow and Paisley Wards of the Glasgow Stake along with the Hyde Park and Epsom Wards of the London Stake and the Hayes Branch of the British South Mission.

Bro. Madsen, his wife, Diane, and two daughters, Lynette and Lisa, are living in Keyworth, Nottingham, where Bro. Madsen serves as an alternate high councilman of the Leicester Stake. Bro. Madsen met with stake and mission leaders during this first year to explain the Home Study Seminary Programme.

Bro. Christensen the past several years has been Diistrict Coordinator of



John M. Madsen



James R. Moss

In The British Isles

Seminaries in the Logan, Utah area and has served on the high council. He holds a Masters Degree and recently completed requirements for his Doctor of Education Degree.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Beth, and 15-year-old daughter, Cheryl and will be living in East Kilbride. His son, Richard, will join them upon completion of his mission to the Netherlands in 1970.

Bro. Parkinson has been principal of the Moab, Utah Seminary. He will assume responsibility for the Home Study Seminary Programme in Northern England to include the Leeds and Sunderland Stakes plus the Hull and Grimsby Districts of the North British Mission.

He will reside in Billingham, County Durham with his wife, Mary Etta, and three children, Mark Polly and Chris. Bro. Parkinson served a mission in the British Isles 1959-61, he has a Master of Education Degree and is working toward his Doctorate. He has held positions in the bishopric, priesthood quorums and auxiliaries.

Bro. Moss will supervise Seminaries for Southern England including the London area, plus the area encompassed by the British South and Southwest British Mission, the latter in which Bro. Moss filled his mission under Pres. A. Ray Curtis 1962-64. He is completing studies for a Masters Degree in History

of Religion, holds a political science degree and a Juris Doctorate Degree.

He and his wife, LaVelle, will reside in the Epsom Ward of the London Stake.

Bro. Madsen states that all young men and young women, ages 14-18, are encouraged to see their ward bishop or branch president and enroll in the Seminary programme which begins when the fall term of school opens in September.

The Awakening

Summer gladness shining o'er,
Glistening leaves in grandeur.
Winging music cadence sweet,
Morning glory softly greet.

Cascadent dew on verdant green,
Droplets cling in wondrous sheen.
Celestial diamonds, drops reflect.
Piercing sun, radiant select.

Nodding, swaying, gentle caress;
The trees of God seem to bless.
Branch and leaf gently blown.
Breezes coming from the dawn.

May my soul absorbent be
Of living water's Eternity!
Summer awakening ever shine
In excelsior, how divine!

Epilogue
May the warmth that fills my breast,
Inexpressible joy, eternal quest,
The glory of Celestial perfection
Come again in the resurrection.

—W. H. Brattan, West Hull Branch

YOUTH IN VIEW

SASKIA LANGLEY

★ Saskia (Sandie) Langley of the Worthing Branch of the British South Mission appeared in her first play in the long and difficult role of Don Pedro in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing". The local newspapers acclaimed the production and paid special tribute to the outstanding performance of three 4th year girls acting in their first school play. Sandie is very active in her branch. Many at her school have been impressed with her high standards both in conduct and in dress. The leaders in her branch commend her for her fine example.



Bro. and Sis. Harold Grundy and baby.

HAROLD & JANICE GRUNDY

★ Central British Mission Youth Conventions have played quite a part in the lives of Harold and Janice Grundy of the Lincoln Branch.

Janice was baptised in 1964 after hearing two Missionary speakers at the Methodist Church she was attending. After the meetings the elders asked if there was anyone interested in learning more about the Gospel, and Janice said she didn't really know why, as she is a very shy person, but she went up to them and gave them her name and address. Sometime after her baptism she returned to her home to live with her mother who was seriously ill. A fortunate choice as it happened, because soon afterwards she met the young man who was to become her

future husband. At their first meeting she began telling him about the Church, and after a few weeks he was attending meetings with her, and he was baptised in July 1966.

At the first Youth Convention they attended, Harold proposed and Janice accepted after months of saying that she was not the marrying kind! So at that Convention they announced their engagement.

The only way they could attend the 2nd year was to include the weekend as part of their honeymoon, and this they did.

Last year they again caused a sensation, because this time they took along their baby daughter who was only a few weeks old.

They are hoping that they will be able to go again this year, as an ordinary married couple!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT CORNER

This Is The Day

This is the day to press forward,
To strive for a higher aim,
A day for mastering problems
That make up life's little game.

This is the day to be busy
Sowing the seeds of good cheer,
Spreading a few words of kindness
On pathways otherwise drear.

This is the day to enjoy, with
Many a song in your heart,
You'll be surprised just how quickly
Life's problems and cares depart.

This is the day to be thankful,
For looking about to see
Manifold blessings in nature . . .
God's goodness to you and me.

Should you but fall by the wayside,
Just get up and try again!
This is the day to be living
Your life on the highest plane!

Thought In Springtime

By Sister S. M. Hill, a recent convert

★ I looked out of my window and the rain was falling from the skies, beating hard against the window pane. I smiled to myself and thought "My seeds and rose bushes needed this." And then I suddenly had a thought that made me sit up and think seriously "What would I have thought of this wet weather three or four months ago, before I joined Christ's Church? And then I began to realise some little differences in myself, thinking of the "before" and "after" things.

I had seen joy in the rain falling, knowing that Mother Earth needs it to show us her beauties, for without rain all things would die. "How miserable the weather is today." Yes, that would have been my thought "before".

Then, out comes the sun in full force, shining over the earth making daffodils, whose heads were bent with the rain, lift them up again and smile a fond hello to the warmth of the sun.

Spring, what a wonderful time of the year! Everything awakens from the cold winter. Plants, bushes and trees start shooting out their branches and leaves in readiness for summer. How you can watch and each day find some new thing, a thing of beauty. A daffodil newly opened; a rose bush that has grown its first shoot; the grass that turns greener every day, and those lovely animals God has given us. Spring lambs frisky and full of fun; then we have dogs with new pups or cats with new kittens—each one a pleasure to watch and each one another gift from Our Father in Heaven. Oh, if I'd only known Him earlier!

Yes, I am different now. The little things of life have as much importance as anything else. Oh, that other people felt the same way. Oh, that they would stop and look at themselves and at life as they see it. Ask themselves if they are getting as much pleasure out of life as they should be. Do they appreciate Mother Nature, or turn a blind eye and try forgetting her? Trying to get pleasure from Man's Science Machines cannot be half so good as our Father's handmade things.

Yes! I'm glad I'm a Mormon. I'm glad I've found The Church that showed me how to appreciate the smaller things in life.

RECIPES FOR YOU



By Gwen Cannon

★ Not long ago, on a lovely spring day, I went to the temple with a group of Relief Society sisters from the High Wycombe Branch. While we were there, we met Brother and Sister Newel Cahoon who are temple workers from Logan, Utah. After the sessions were over, Sister Cahoon invited us to visit the Manor House on the temple grounds. Such joy it was to walk through the beautiful rooms, up the grand staircase admiring the artistry of the carved wood present throughout. It was evident that Sister Cahoon loved each nook and corner as she guided us through. Her favourite spot, however, was the large, old kitchen, that was "hers". What grand banquets must have been prepared there in times past. Now it smelled of freshly baked bread and good things to eat as it must have done in yesteryear. She insisted that we take with us on our long journey home, generously buttered slices of whole-wheat bread and delicately flavoured banana bread. It tasted like manna from heaven. We were sent happily on our way filled with the warmth of friendship of this choice couple as well as with the delicious home-baked bread.

No-Knead Whole Wheat Bread

2 cups warm milk (you can use powdered, skim milk.)
6 Tablespoons fat
½ cup brown sugar, honey or treacle
2 eggs
7 cups whole wheat flour
1 ounce of dry yeast, dissolved in ½ cup of warm water with 1 teaspoon sugar. Let it stand for ten minutes.

Mix ingredients with a spoon. Let rise about ten minutes then mix well again. Put into well oiled pans and let rise one hour. Bake at 450 degs. for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degs. and bake for 45 to 50 minutes.

Good luck, good eating and good health!

★ It has been requested that we again publish a conversion chart of British and American measurements. This chart makes it possible for you to use British or American recipes with equal ease.

Conversion Chart

British Standard	American Standard
Solids	
1 lb. butter or other fat	2 cups
1 lb. flour	4 cups
1 oz. flour	1 heaped U.S. tbsp.
1 oz. butter or other fat	2 level U.S. tbsp.
1 lb. rice	$2\frac{1}{4}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups.
1 lb. meat, raw diced	2 cups
1 lb. lentils, dried peas	2 cups
$5\frac{1}{2}$ oz. cooked rice	1 cup
4 oz. cheddar cheese	1 cup (grated)
2 oz. fresh breadcrumbs	1 cup
4 oz. dried breadcrumbs	1 cup
5 oz. apple, sliced	1 cup

American teaspoons and tablespoons are slightly smaller than British spoons, but in the same proportion, i.e. 3 American Standard teaspoons equal 1 American Standard tablespoon, which measures slightly more than a British dessertspoon.



Liquids

1 pint (20 fluid oz.)
2/5 Imperial pint

1 pint (16 fluid oz.)
1 cup

Bro. and Sis. Newel Cahoon.



Pres. and Sis. Egbert Brown of the Scottish Mission honoured by members just prior to their departure for the U.S.

PRESIDENT, SISTER BROWN HONOURED

By Margaret Strachan, Aberdeen Branch

★ Pres. and Sister Brown visited the Aberdeen Branch, Scottish North District for the last time on June 29th for the Sacrament meeting. They were presented with a gift from the members in appreciation for the love and kindness they had shown during their visits to the branch and to all the members.

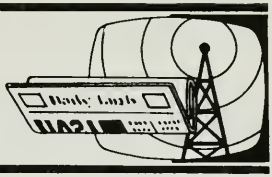
They wiill be greatly missed by all the Scottish members because of their warm smiles, kind words, and the way they greeted everyone with a firm friendly handshake. All those who know Pres. and Sister Brown will wish them a safe journey home to Mesa, Arizona, where their family will greet them on arrival. And everyone hopes that in the not too distant future they will return to Scotland again to visit the brothers and sisters who love them so sincerely and wholeheartedly.

SUCCESS

Success is ninty-nine per cent mental attitude.
It calls for love, joy, optimism, cheerfulness,
imagination, initiative, tolerance, honesty,
humility, patience and enthusiasm.

—Wilford Peterson

NEWS



SCOTTISH MISSION

★ May was a busy month for the ABERDEEN Branch, and the M.I.A. members started it swinging with a "Hootenanny". Forty happy people gathered together for an evening of singing, dancing, music and refreshments.

To celebrate the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, the young boys of the branch spent the weekend of the 16th/17th camping at Ballogie. Thirty members, from the age of twelve upwards, took part in many games, including football, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The weather could have been kinder, but although it was cold it did remain dry.

Towards the end of the month an Open House was held in the chapel. Branch Pres. Alastair Smith conducted the evening, and the main speakers were Pres. William S. Black and Pres. James Dunlop. The theme was centered around the Prophet David O. McKay. Afterwards refreshments were served.

★ On June 14th an Elders Quorum Convention was held at the Aberdeen Branch for the Scottish North District. Many members and their wives travelled from Glasgow, Kirkcaldy, and Dundee to attend. Bro. J. Dunlop, who comes from New Zealand, conducted the meeting, and while the Elders were convened the Relief Society sisters also gathered under the direction of Sister Lena Robertson.

The first speaker for the sisters was Sister Richardson from Glasgow who spoke on "Building an Image in the Church", Then Sister Keogh from Dundee discussed "Education and Discipline" Sister Roy also from Dundee conducted the music and sang a solo. Then Pres. W. S. Black from Aberdeen gave a talk on "Women should teach their children the Gospel". A discussion time followed and then wives and husbands gathered together in the chapel to hear Pres. and Sister Brown of the Scottish Mission. Both spoke on various aspects of the Priesthood, and Pres. Brown stressed the need to pray, study the scriptures and keep the Sabbath Day holy.

After the convention everyone assembled in the cultural hall where a three course meal had been prepared by John Donaldson of Aberdeen, who is a Grill Chef. It was served by the elders from the Aberdeen Branch. When the

meal was over everyone relaxed at a social evening.

Pres. and Sister Brown were celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary, and the Scottish saints were thrilled to be able to share this special occasion with them.

★ The Scottish South District Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration Camp was held at Cunningham Head Camp Site, Irvine, Ayrshire, on 16th/17th May, under the direction of Malcolm Keir, 2nd counselor in the District Presidency.

Blessed with wonderful sunshine, Priesthood holders from all the branches gathered together for a week-end of activities. Friday evening was celebrated with a fireside organised by Edward Steven, Elders Quorum president, and each branch participated in the programme. Following supper an evening service was held in the ruins of a derelict cottage situated on the banks of the river, which had been renamed for this occasion, the "Susquehanna"! Lamps provided illumination while three of the boys gave excellent and enlightening talks on brotherhood. George Strickland spoke on "Brotherhood in the past", Campbell Dukes on "Science to the aid of the Priesthood" and David Park "Brotherhood in the Priesthood".

On the Saturday a busy day started at 6 a.m. with a service, then after breakfast the remainder of the time was packed with hill treks, treasure hunts and using one's skills to cross the river by rope. Brother Burnside wasn't successful and ended up falling in! Thanks to the boys who all rallied round, he was soon fitted out with dry clothes.

Sports activities in the afternoon were a big success even though the boys beat the dads at tug-o-war! Winners of some of the events were:
Treasure Hunt, James Cameron.
Wheelbarrow, James Stronach and James Cameron.
Long Jump, Henry Burnside.
100 yds., James Stronach.
Five-a-side football, Edward Steven, James Stronach, Nelson Egleson, Louis Raphael and James Stronach snr.

Twenty-six attended the camp and at the closing service wonderful testimonies were borne of the fullness of the Gospel.

★ On May 17th over forty people from the AYR Branch and the Scottish South District met for a "Fare Ye Well" Social for the Bloy family who were setting off for a new life in Australia. Everyone enjoyed the fun and games and the lovely buffet created by the Relief Society. Branch Pres. Alan Topp, said "Thank you" to the Bloys on behalf of everyone, wished them "God Speed" and presented them with a copy of "Mormon Doctrine". Walter Bloy and

his wife Ann gave short speeches in reply. Both have served well in the branch, Bro. Bloy has been a counselor and Branch President, while Sister Bloy has served in Primary and as the Branch organist. They intend to settle down in the Elizabeth Ward in the Adelaide Stake.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ Under the leadership of Bishop Brian Ashworth a very enjoyable week-end was spent at the London Temple recently by more than 30 members of the Ashton/Oldham Ward. The sisters arranged a rota for looking after the young children whilst the others were inside the Temple, thereby keeping everyone happy and free from worry.

David A. Preston, a priest of the Ashton/Oldham Ward, has been successful in his first attempt at passing the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He is employed as an Articled Clerk with Graham H. Wood & Co., Chartered Accountants of Ashton-under-Lyne, and was formerly a pupil at Audenshaw Grammar School where he obtained 6 'O' level passes in the G.C.E. He is planning to take Part 1 of the Final Examination in November next year. We wish him continued success.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ SOUTHPORT Relief Society held a Pioneer party recently and the presidency dressed in appropriate costume. 1st counselor Sheila Lloyd opened with a story about the Pioneers, then 2nd counselor Alice Fleming gave a poem on the same theme by Barbara Freckee. The choir then sang two songs and Harry Lloyd led the whole group in community singing for their supper of sausage, beans and jacket potatoes. Dancing to records completed a most enjoyable evening.

Susan Watson, only daughter of Pres. and Sis. Peter Watson of SOUTHPORT Branch, flew out to a new life in Clearfield, Utah., recently. A farewell party was held in the Cultural hall and many friends and relations attended to wish her a happy new life.

★ Linda Fellows, 14-year-old member of the WARRINGTON Branch has been attending Judo lessons for $1\frac{1}{2}$ years. On May 14th in the Warrington and District Open Championship contests, she won the Junior Women's section.

She received a shield which she holds for one year, and a small statuette which she keeps.

★ LIVERPOOL Branch were the winners of the Liverpool District Drama Festival with their presentation of the play "Be-

fore the Flood". The judges were Beryl Cubbon of the Mission M.I.A. Stephenie Moffat, Crosby Branch and Pres. H. McKie of Wirral Branch. Awards for the best actress went to Sis. G. Flanagan of Warrington, and to George Sloan, Wirral Branch, as the best actor. The cup was presented by Sister Cubbon.

★ May 24th saw the LIVERPOOL saints excitedly starting their branch outing to the seaside. Although it rained on the way, the sun did break through eventually and some of them managed to obtain a sun tan. After spending a short time at Frith, many of the younger folk went off to sample the delights of Rhyl. The only mishap that occurred during the day, was when one of the boys dropped his clothes in a pool of water. He was taken to the surgery of a nearby holiday camp, where he was found later by his worried parents, contently eating ice-cream and drinking lemonade while waiting for his clothes to be dried.

★ LIVERPOOL District extended a hearty welcome to Bro. and Sister Peacock and their two sons, Freddie and Bobbie, on holiday from Granger, Utah recently. They will be remembered by many people in the Mission for all the wonderful work they did in Geneology before they emigrated to Salt Lake City, some six years ago. They are still active in this field and hope to visit Cornwall and the Midlands to do research work for some of the 'folk back there'.

★ Since January a series of unusual and delectable dinners have been held at the homes of members of the BURNLEY Branch, to raise funds for their new chapel. A Hawaiian dinner organised by Sister Hartley, a Chinese dinner by Sisters Adams and Whittaker and a Hoe Down by the Knowell family, were all followed by country dancing. These projects made quite a difference to the chapel funds as well as bringing plenty of enjoyment to the members.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ A Flower Festival took place at the NORTHAMPTON Chapel on May 17th/18th organised by the Relief Society. The arrangements were created, by those who wished to enter, on the Friday evening. Thirty lovely colourful arrangements adorned the chapel, including five displays on stands, another six were displayed in the foyer together with a table containing 21 potted plants presented by Katherine Moore. There were also displays in each classroom, the Relief Society room and the Cultural Hall.

Despite heavy rain all day on the Saturday, one hundred and four visitors



Pres. Pickup of Burnley looks like "the only man on the Island" at the Branch Hawaiian dinner.

came to view the arrangements and the building. A few more came on Sunday, including parties of nuns from Nazareth House, the orphanage and old peoples' home opposite the Church. The Sacrament service, which included the Primary Hour seemed especially uplifting, and the warmth of the sun through the windows seemed to spread the fragrance of the flowers throughout the chapel. The Festival was a huge success, and £9 . 10 . 0d. was collected for "Christian Aid Week". Also a number of contacts were found for the missionaries, it was a wonderful missionary tool.

★ Twenty-six saints attended a social given by the BEDFORD M.I.A. at the home of Bro. and Sister Vann on May 17th. This event was planned as a picnic in Bedford Park, but owing to a steady downpour of rain it had to be cancelled and the social was held instead. A meal of hot dogs and two kinds of salads was served, and outdoor games were played when possible.

The Relief Society organised a Fish and Chip Supper on the 24th, and this was held at the home of Bro. and Sister Gibbons. After the supper the children had a happy time singing, and playing

Son Like Father

Now what are you going to be my boy
When you have reached manhood years
A doctor, a lawyer or actor great
Throngs moving to laughter and tears.
But he shook his head as he made reply
In a serious way that he had
"I don't think I'd care to be any of them
I want to be like my Dad"

He wants to be like his Dad you men
Did you ever think as you pause
That the boy who watches your every move
Is building a set of laws
He's moulding a life you're the model for
And whether it's good or bad
Depends on the kind of example set
To the boy who would be like his Dad.

Would you have him go everywhere you go
And do just the things you do
See everything that your eyes behold
And woo all the Gods you woo
When you see the worship that shines in the eyes
Of your lovable little lad
Could you rest content if he gets his wish
And grows to be like his Dad.

Its a job that none but yourself can fill
Its a charge you must answer for
Its a duty to show him the road to tread
Ere he reaches his manhood's door.
Its a debt you owe for the greatest joy
On this old earth to be had
The pleasure of having a boy to raise,
Who wants to be like his Dad.

games, while the older ones enjoyed a game of volleyball. Over 32 members attended.

★ From May 23rd to the 27th, the Mission held their annual Girls' Camp at Woodhall Spa, Lincs, home of Malcolm Coombs, Mission M.I.A. Sports director.

The camp craft programme has only been running for two years in the mission, so it was thrilling to have 45 people present from 7 branches, as opposed to 14 people from 3 branches last year. Sister Heather Coombs organised the camp, very much assisted by her husband, except on the Saturday afternoon when he went off to Leicester for the Mission/Stake track and field events.

Several other priesthood holders were also present as they had acted as chauffeurs, so they were persuaded to help when they weren't sleeping or eating!

Altogether 7 girls and leaders passed their Mountaineer requirements and 12 girls and leaders their Yearling badges. They were fortunate to have Sister Isabel Cannon, the Mission Pres'. wife, working with them for her Yearling award, and Pres. Cannon attended for a



Yearlings and Mountaineers pose with Pres. George I. Cannon at Central British Mission Girls Camp.

few hours on Sunday. Michele Williams of Rhyl and Rosemary Elgar of Rugby also managed to take their Y.W.M.I.A. swimmers award during the week.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the weather was very kind apart from two heavy showers. A lot of food was eaten, songs sung and friends made, so for the next camp it is hoped to improve on numbers and efficiency even more.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION AND LEICESTER STAKE SPORTS

★ The stake and mission combined on May 24th to run off the Zone Track and Field events, the winners of which will represent the Zone in the All British Finals. The events were held at Saffron Lane Sports Centre, Leicester. A very heavy rainfall delayed the start, but as soon as it was over the programme carried on under grey skies. The new type track allowed the water to drain away rapidly and the standard of competition was high and keenly contested. The honours were divided 27 events to 12 events in favour of the stake participants. A wonderful spirit of sportsmanship was maintained throughout the afternoon.

Outstanding performances were returned by Roger Head of Worcester, C.B.M. who won the mens 18 and over 880 yds., 1 mile and 3 mile events and he was a member of the Worcester 4 x 100 relay team, which came second to Derby by 0.2 of a second. Wayne Cannon, C. B. Mission President's son, won the 18 and over Discus, shot and was 3rd in the 880 yds. and 3 miles. This rounds off his star studded sports career in England as the family returned home early in July.

Other good performances were returned by Sue Potin, Northampton, winner of 12-14 yr. girls 100 yds. and 220 yds. Stephen Musgrove, Northampton,



Start of the men's open age 3-mile race, CBM

winner 15-17 yr. boys 220 yds. and long jump and 2nd in 100 yds. and high jump. Robert Sherlock Derby, winner of men's 18 & over 100 yds, 220 yds and high jump. Kathy Smith, Birmingham, winner of girls 15-17 yrs. 100 yds., discus and under 18's shot.

As the final stages of the High Jump were taking place a thunderstorm broke over the stadium and closed a wonderful afternoon of sports.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ For the South Birmingham Ward it has been a month of business and pleasure. On May 29th, 28 children from the Ward Primary were taken to see the film "Oliver" at the Gaumont Cinema at Birmingham, much to their delight.

Grown-ups too were delighted at the results of all the effort they put into a recent jumble sale which realised £42 for their budget fund.

Members from the Northfield Branch joined with them for a Farewell party in honour of Peter Badham prior to his departure for Australia. Highlight of the meal, served by the young sisters, was a cake, beautifully decorated with a map of Australia and "Bon Voyage". Peter was presented with a silver Shaeffer Ball Point Pen engraved with "M.I.A. to Peter". On the same evening Clive Reynolds celebrated his 16th birthday, and the singing of the customary song rounded off a very happy evening.

★ WALSALL Branch celebrated the anniversary of their becoming independent on May 21st, it was also a means to raise money for the building fund, members entrance fee was a coin for each year of their age!

Games and dancing were organised by Pres. Degville, and finally the candles were lit on the cake and everyone



Roger Head, Worcester, winning the 3-mile race, CBM.

singing round it in the candlelight.

A dinner dance was arranged by the Branch M.I.A. on June 13th, with a Hawaiian theme and soft Hawaiian background music during the Turkey dinner. Dancing afterwards was directed by Bill Poxon and the happy atmosphere showed the great success of the venture.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ May 10th was an enjoyable evening for the many members of WATFORD District who attended the Gold and Green Ball held at Luton Chapel. The hall was decorated by members of Hayes Branch, and Aylesbury Branch provided the refreshments. District MIA Supt. Fred Fox acted as Master of Ceremonies, and entertainment was provided by the Hayes Branch polka dancing team. All who attended agreed it was an evening of good and uplifting fun.

★ A party of priesthood holders from the WATFORD District celebrated the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood by a visit to the historic city of St. Albans. In the morning they were given a guided tour of the ruins of Verula-



Watford District Gold and Green Ball, British South Mission.

mium, the old Roman city, including the well-preserved theatre and the Verulamium Museum. Unfortunately, it began to rain at lunchtime, but luckily the afternoon activity was a tour of St. Alban's Abbey and was unaffected by the weather. The sports activities originaly planned to end the day had to be called off, but all those who took part agreed it had been a fine outing. The trip was planned and organised by Pres. Mike Macdonald, District 1st counselor, and included a general knowledge competition on St. Albans for the younger boys, and a photographic competition with classes for all.

★ "Pioneer Days" was the theme of the HAYES Branch Relief Society Spring Social held on May 23rd. After a fine "Pot Luck" dinner, several of the brothers and sisters performed a Western comedy skit written by LaRae McDaniels, and the evening ended with square dancing. The District Relief Society was represented by Pres. Jean Oliver and her 1st Counselor LaRae Green. Altogether 40 members attended and all found it a most enjoyable evening.

★ During May a party from HAYES branch visited the Harlem Globe-trotters



Square Dancing at the Hayes Relief Society social in BSM.



Jean Oliver, LaRae Green, Mildred Anderson and LaRae McDaniel admire the table decorations.

show at Wembley. Organised under the auspices of the M.I.A. by Y.W. Sec. Anne Pascal, the party consisted of 59 people, members and friends. During the interval it was announced over the loudspeakers that among the audience that evening were "Miss Pascal and a small party of friends"! Everyone enjoyed it so much that it was decided to organise a similar trip to another show in the near future. Earlier this year Sister Pascal organised a visit to "Dick Whittington on Ice" for 50 members of the branch.

Among all their other activities the Branch M.I.A. have found time to plan and start work on a film show. It is being photographed on 35mm. colour slides by Roger Burden. As yet untitled it takes a humorous look at the M.I.A. Others helping in the production are Barry Johnson, Watford District Y.M. 1st counselor and Julie Hillier it is hoped that the show will be finished by midsummer.

IRISH MISSION

★ Five branches from Belfast District and from the Mission District responded with an individual dance number in the Irish Mission's Second MIA Music and



Part of youth at "Redhill" for second annual music and dance festival.



A section of the crowd who witnessed the Irish Mission Dance Festival at "Redhill". Beautiful new Visitors' Centre at London Temple. Manor House in background.



Sixteen of the 19 contestants in the Belfast District Speech Festival of the Irish Mission held at Holywood Chapel.

Dance Festival held at "Redhill", May 30.

A crowd of 300 persons witnessed the performances by the 100 dancers and singers.

Following the individual branch dances the entire group danced four numbers together on the green. The enthustic dancers enjoyed the activity so much that it created an atmosphere of enjoyment in the audience as well.

The next day, May 31, eighty mothers and daughters from all over the mission met at the Great Victoria Bus Depot for an all day outing to Tollymore Forest Park. A song festival was held in each bus directed by Pat Macateer and Janet Houston. Enroute at Down Patrick they visited the grave and Cathedral of St. Patrick.

At Tollymore they enjoyed the beauties of the forest-park trails and following lunch participated in organised games and relays.

The climax to the day came at 3 p.m. when everyone gathered under the beautiful large evergreens, and with the sun streaming down through the branches, an inspirational Testimony



M Men/Gleaner Suki Yaki Supper of Belfast District.

Meeting was held. Sister LaRue Longden, wife of Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, was the guest speaker. She gave a wealth of good advice as pertaining to Church ideals and standards, drawing from her many years experience in the YWMIA General Presidency.

★ The M-Men/Gleaner Week in the Belfast Irish District started in true spiritual fashion with an "Eternal values Evening." Pres. John Owens and Sister Owens were honoured and gave inspiring talks on the beauty and importance of Temple marriage. Sister Patricia Holmes sang a beautiful solo and after the Owens' children had been brought in to join their parents, Brother and Sister Owens sang a duet.

Afterwards, a reception was held in the cultural hall where the refreshment table was dominated by a magnificent three tier wedding cake topped with fresh pink carnations to match the rest of the floral decorations.

The following Wednesday evening most of the group were involved with the district one act play festival.

On Thursday the M.Men/Gleaners worked on the new Rosetta chapel and

as the shadows lengthened, a fire was built and they gathered for a barbeque and sing-song. The occasion was marked by the fact that no one wanted to go home.

A most enjoyable evening followed when two dozen turned up for a Suki-Yaki party in appropriate Eastern attire to sit cross-legged to eat a typical Japanese meal in a room prettily decorated with bamboo and almond blossoms.

On Saturday night, Pres. and Sister Owens were guests at a theatre trip to see the Ulster Operetta—Gilbert & Sullivan's "Yeoman of the Guard." This held especial interest as one of the members was in the cast. Aferwards everyone had supper at "The Country Kitchen."

To end the heart-warming activities of M-Men/Gleaner Week a testimony fireside was held at the Holywood Road Chapel. Superintendent Brian McCandless said that the week had been an education to him and a wonderfully interesting experience he would not have missed. He had discovered what fun a simple campfire gathering could be, that he liked Suki-Yaki, and could enjoy Opera, things he would never have chosen to do normally.

All agreed that it had been an edifying experience for all those participating.

LONDON STAKE

★ Bishop and Sister Walter Stevenson of the SOUTH LONDON Ward were "mother and father" for the evening to over 100 members of the Ward on May 22nd. Instead of holding separate family evenings, ward members gathered on this occasion as one ward family at the chapel.

A short devotional service was held, at which Bishop and Sister Stevenson introduced the theme—"Developing our talents" and pointed out that the ward, like the home, should provide the opportunity for each person to try out his or her talents in a loving atmosphere. The Relief Society Singing Mothers then sang, "The Lord is My Shepherd", directed by Vera Godwin.

Everyone then moved to the cultural hall to enjoy the entertainment. First the Primary children gave their own version of "Puppet on a String", which they had produced without adult help. Their presentation proved to be hilarious, and set a happy tone for the rest of the evening. Next Peter Harris gave his impression of a number of well-known characters, including Dr. Finlay

and Janet! The Beehive girls then presented a skit called "The Theft in the Night", that they had written and produced themselves.

The "New Ravensleas" group took everyone back to the days of Skiffle, complete with guitars, bass, washboard and what looked like a wire baking tray! Berdene Farren and Pauline Doggett gave two short items on piano and recorder.

After an interval for refreshments, the "Old Ravensleas" entertained with banjo, guitar and drums. (Bishop Stevenson's drum solos being much appreciated). Tom (Al Jolson) Coulton joined the group as vocalist. Kenneth Goddard gave two monologues about the adventures of "Albert". Dan Mackenzie amused with his own brand of humour; and the Beehive girls sang. The new Ravensleas then came up to date with a dance routine and another song, and to close the evening, Elizabeth Tindall played a piano solo.

Everyone was pleasantly surprised at the talents displayed, and the evening had truly lived up to its theme.

★ Over 200 people attended a very successful Dance Festival on May 24th, the ninth to be held in the Stake.

Forty couples entered the various sections for Ballroom and Latin American dancing. Six wards presented team dances which varied in content from Catford Branch's Zorba's Dance, to Luton's beautifully costumed Viennese dancing and Hyde Park's Hesitation Waltz with costumes in black and white, Stevenage Ward's rainbow coloured costumes for the modern waltz, then came St. Albans original modern formation dance, and South London's paso-double formation, which gained a Superior rating.

Points were awarded to each ward for participation and achievement in all sections, and the ward with the highest rating over all was awarded the Van Wagoner trophy. The winning ward was South London.
Judge for the evening was Mr. Dennis Hart-Wilson, who commented on the continued rise in the standard of dancing, at the stake's dance festivals.

★ Some immediate results eminating from the special full missionary week held earlier this spring in the London Stake in cooperation with the fulltime proselyting missionaries have now been weighed, according to Stake Mission Pres. Eric Cryer.

He said the reports indicate some 112 brethren (priesthood holders) participated, and that during the week 49 special home evenings were held, at least 31 copies of the Book of Mormon were distributed and 114 new contacts made.



Primary children sitting down to tuck at the Catford Branch Missionary party. More than 50 of the 80 children participating were non-members.



Bro. J. Smith confounds the children at missionary party, assisted by Bro. J. Medley



Primary workers who sponsored Missionary party for Primary children at Catford. From left, Sis. Ann McKay, Sis. Margaret Hunt, Sis. Arlene Hunt, Sis. Joan Burgess, Bro. and Sis. Albert Wilbourne.

At least one baptism resulted and and others are sure to follow.

Pres. Cryer noted that in Catford Branch for instance, the programme as a whole succeeded in stimulating member interest and activity in missionary work.

Epsom Ward leaders felt that the programme should be followed up by more cooperation with the missionaries.

The Home Evening Programme was the most successful phase of the week, reported North London Ward. In the Romford Ward a film night once each month is now held in the ward and members are working regularly with the missionaries.

Similar results have been noted in the remaining wards of the stake, with more attention being focused upon this very important programme of the Church.

Pres. Cryer said it is intended the programme will be repeated and intensified to get the maximum achievements. "We had good support from the priesthood" he said. He reported that the stake at present has 23 stake missionaries.

The week was held in cooperation with missionaries of the British and British South Missions.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ Theme for the highly successful Scottish Youth Conference, June 6-8, was, "The woods would be very silent if only those birds sang which sang best."

Following their registration Friday evening all participants joined in a "Country and Western" style social evening at the chapel in Dundee. The evening's programme was held in the cultural hall with folk singing and dancing.

Saturday morning was devoted to workshops with Bro. Simmons of Greenock directing basketball; Bro. Stonach from Hamilton, directing camping and Bro. J. Stronach Jnr. of Hamilton, tennis.

Simultaneously arts and crafts were led by Alan and Stella Brown of Kirkcaldy; group discussions by Bro. Kearns of Edinburgh, Sis. Kennedy of Cumbernauld and drama by Bro. Brown of Kirkcaldy. Bro. Lovell of Kilmarnock discussed Church History and Genealogy; Bro. J. Stronach Jnr. taught dancing; Bro. Simmons of Greenock, instructed in Table Tennis; Bro. Parker showed travel films and local authority instructors led volleyball.

With glorious weather many outdoor sporting activities took up much of Saturday afternoon. For the older or less active, a three hour bus tour allowed them to enjoy both sun and scenery at their leisure.



Hungry sportsmen soon disposed of this fine array of foods prepared by the local sisters.



Youth enjoy volleyball at the sports workshop in the Scottish Mission.

The dinner-dance was the highlight of the day with the meal prepared and served by the Dundee Sisters. A special floorshow presentation marked the conclusion of the mission of Mission Pres. Egbert J. Brown and Sis. Brown, who return soon to their home in Arizona. During the floorshow Sisters Lorna Bowie and Katherine Sutherland from Aberden sang two numbers and Bro. Dennis Clancy, of Dundee, led a few old favourite songs and Bro. Jim Stronach, played the bagpipes. Master of ceremonies was Bro. Denny Downie of Airdrie.

On Sunday Bro. Michael Irving of Edinburgh conducted the priesthood meeting with Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, as the guest speaker. The women met simultaneously in their own session with Sis. Stella Brown of Kirkcaldy, conducting.

A general conference session brought 200 members together at 10.30 a.m. Four youths spoke, Sis. Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Sis. Jo Moncrieff, Bro. Jim Stonach and Bro. Les Cairns. Music was by the Dundee Priesthood Choir with solos from Sis. Mary Roy and Elder Longden. Elder and Sister Longden and Pres. and Sis. Brown each addressed the gathering.

The Youth Committee responsible for the three successful days consisted of Stella and David Brown, Kirkcaldy; Jim Stronach, Hamilton; Michael Irvine, Edinburgh; Jim Lowe, Greenock; Margaret Crighton, Dumfries.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ NEWCASTLE WARD has bid Farewell recently to the Standing family who have moved to Leeds, leaving one daughter Patricia behind to finish her school term. Everyone is looking forward to a reunion when the family go back to collect her, as the Standings are a popular family.

Vera Gray also said goodbye to the ward and left for Canada in May. At a farwell party attended by about 60 friends and relatives, she was presented with an attractive blue suitcase, a volume on the L.D.S. family and a beautiful inscribed silver bracelet. Throughout her 14 years as a Church member, she has served in the Relief Society, M.I.A. Sunday School, Genealogy, and in the music departments at ward and stake level. She will be missed very much by the members of the ward, but as she rejoines her husband Harry and their daughters Julie and Patricia in Canada, she can be certain that she will always be fondly remembered.

★ When the Newcastle Elders Group staged a Fancy Dress Dance recently, Gordon and Cora Matthews took 1st prize for their costumes of pirate and gypsy girl; they shared a box of chocolates. Norman Myers officiated in the dancing and told a few jokes as he did so. The food was delightfully prepared



Jean Archibald, Pat Prendergast and Margaret Selkirk singing at the farewell party for Vera Gray. Norman Myers is at the piano.

and arranged by Trudi Cooper and Pat Standing.

Following a general increase of enthusiasm for sports, the Ward M.I.A. have bought two more table-tennis tables at a low price. Y.M. Supt. Gordon Matthews felt it worthwhile to commend the conduct of non-member boys who regularly attend M.IA and played so sportingly at the recent Stake Sports meeting

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★ The evening was rather cold when the NORTH SHIELDS Relief Society gave a party, so the sisters and their guests were glad to play some energetic games in order to keep warm. Pres. Alma Blanchard served a wonderful buffet supper.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Before the Matthews family of the NORWICH Branch emigrated to Australia, the members held a Farewell Social on the 30th May. The fifty people who attended were entertained by some skits from the Ensign and Vanguard classes, and then some choral members from the branch choir. In honour of Sis. Erika Matthews who is German, these were sung in her native tongue,

she was then presented with a broach, while her husband George received some tea towels and a lace table-cloth and their children some furry toys.

The family have been in the Church for three years now and Bro. Matthews served as Mutual Superintendent and 2nd Assistant Superintendent in the Sunday School, while Sister Matthews was a Sunday School teacher. Everyone wished them happiness in their new life.

When the meal was finally ready the priesthood formed a human chain from the kitchen to the dining hall passing one to another the piping hot meals. Children were the first to be served, then the sisters who were followed by the priesthood and last but not least the chef himself.

As a grand finale to a wonderful evening, William Garland played the Piano-Accordion and accompanied the audience in a good old sing-song.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ Roast beef, potatoes, peas and carrots, followed by fruit cocktail topped with cold custard, were on the menu of St. Austell's Third Annual Priesthood Dinner held at the branch on May 16th.

The dinner was organised by the head chef, Jimmy Bone, who was assisted by the other members of the priesthood. While the brethren prevailed in setting the tables and preparing the dinner, Sister Crystal Pearce organised dancing and games to the music of records, kindly provided by John Smith.

A state of emergency arose when it was discovered that there were not enough plates for the extra members from Newquay, Redruth and Helston, but it was soon settled as local members drove home to fetch more.

★ Three young men of the Preston Branch, Lancashire, have been presented with their Duty To God Awards. They are Michael and Christopher Doughty and Keith McCall. These young men have grown up in the Church, having gone through Primary, Sunday School, MIA and Priesthood and completed all requirements for this outstanding achievement.

According to Thomas McCall of the branch, the new chapel, in use since April, has aided greatly to the spirit and progress of the membership.

He reports the Relief Society held a very successful Continental evening which was well supported by many non-members residing in the district. The branch gained first place for having the best decorated stall in the district bazaar.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ January 21st—To Steven and Patrica Sontar, Cumbermould Branch, Hamilton District, a daughter, Stephanie Patricia Sontar.

★ March 3rd—To Larry and Linda Tolman, formerly Fleming of Southport Branch, North British Mission, now of Downey, California, a daughter.

★ March 14th—To Leslie and Joan Pearce, North Shields Branch, Sunderland Stake, a daughter Joan Sally.

★ March 19th—To Derrick and Rita Allen, Bedford Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Susan.

★ April 28th—To Lewis and Helen Chisholm, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mission, twin son and daughter, Colin Thomas and Elizabeth Ann.

★ May 8th—To W. Mantey and Sis. Mantey, 80 Croydon Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4, a son, Sean.

★ June 1st—To James and Dale Archibald, Aberdeen Branch, Scottish Mission, a daughter, Rachel Jane.

★ June 7th—To Bertram and Victoria Merrell, Chester Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter Rachel.

★ June 17th—To James and Margaret White, Norwich Branch, British Mission a son, Jonathan David.

MARRIAGES

★ Ann Juliet Abbott and David Morgan were married at the SOUTHPORT Chapel on April 5th. The bride wore a long white dress and train of crystal satin trimmed with guipure lace, and was attended by her sister-in-law, Doreen Abbott. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Scarisbrick Hotel. The couple will now live in Houghton-le-Spring, C. Durham.

★ On May 17th John Hughes and Eileen Walker were married in the Rawtenstall Chapel.



Ann Abbott and David Morgan after their wedding at Southport Chapel. At left Robert Kay, best man and right, Doreen Abbott, matron of honour.



Bishop J. Thomson, Springboig Ward, Glasgow Stake, playing the Dulcimer he enjoys when time will permit from his many responsibilities

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greatest of all the prophets, said Jesus, born of women. (See Luke 7:28.)

PROPHETS—PRACTICAL MEN

These prophets were not dreamers, they were not visionary men—they were practical men. They saw the present and the future needs of the people to whom they were sent.

President Brigham Young, for instance, was a great prophet and more than a prophet. He was called to a great responsibility. It was not unlike that which fell upon Moses, the lawgiver of Israel, during the years of exodus from Egypt. Both of them were deeply concerned with the spiritual and temporal welfare of their people.

Looking back over the magnificent achievements of Brigham Young and those who followed, we can picture the tragic exodus of covered wagons and handcart companies. Every day was a challenge, and every night a hazard, full of danger and uncertainty. But the sturdy and unconquerable pioneers under their prophet, never faltered; they pressed forward to their destination. On their arrival, they beheld a barren wasteland, covered with sagebrush and possessed by the savage Indians. What did this modern prophet do? He made friends with the Indians.

He cultivated the soil, and he irrigated the fields.

Prophets came as they were needed. May we, heed the prophets who live today.

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of Jesus Christ. We have taken upon ourselves the name of the Master and have entered into a covenant to keep all of His commandments. The Saviour came into this world, according to His own statement, to give us life more abundantly—in other words, that we might have joy, an abundance of joy, a continuance of joy. Thus it is essential that we follow the pathway which the Son of Man marked out for us if we are to receive that abundant life which is a fulness of joy.

We must learn to love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, might, mind, and strength. (Mat. 22:37-38.) We must abide by that Golden Rule (Ibid., 7:12) and learn to love our neighbours as ourselves. (Ibid., 22:39.) In this way, and in this way only, shall we have a fulness of joy. There is no other road.

Visiting Teaching Is Wonderful

By Dorothy L. Shorrock, First Counselor, West Zone, North British Mission

★ Oh the thrill that one feels when attending a well planned Relief Society Convention and particularly a Visiting Teachers' Convention! It was a wonderful experience to attend the Lake District Convention of Visiting Teachers recently.

From the very moment we entered the little, rented hall we felt a warm glow of enthusiasm, and a wonderful welcome radiated from every corner of the delightfully decorated room. As we entered, two Sisters with outstreatched hands greeted us with love and friendliness.

We each received a card boldly portraying the Convention theme. The card was of a lighthouse cleverly created in the Relief Society colours of blue and gold with a sparkling glitter beam of light radiating from the highest point of the tower. We were mindful of the many patient hours which must have been spent in designing and making these clever introduction cards to the Convention theme. On the gay little cards were carefully printed the words: "As the lighthouse guides the seamen, so the Visiting Teachers illuminate the minds of women".

A large lighthouse had been cleverly and carefully made to decorate the centre wall platform panel in the room and made a striking impression. The large beams of light boldly and effectively proclaimed the theme to the audience. Oh, the care and dedication which must have gone into the preparation of each beautiful and important visual aid. In the centre of the platform on a long table another lighthouse model had been prepared and stood out realistically from the rugged rocks which surrounded it. On its tall tower the red light warning and safety signal flashed off and on. We felt greatly humbled to contemplate the responsibility of each Visiting Teacher in helping to illuminate the minds of the families we visit.

The walls of the little meeting hall in Kendal were covered with visual aids

depicting the Visiting Teachers' messages for the year. Each month was illustrated by the seasons flowers or ferns.

The programme was well chosen and contributed much to the sweet and lovely atmosphere of the occasion. One sister illustrated her talk with a model of a Visiting Teacher which stood lifelike on the table before her. At the conclusion of her remarks, she proudly pinned a bright, blue ribbon sash on the model, bearing the words "Miss Visiting Teacher, 1969."

During the Convention a beautiful Biblical Tableau was presented, depicting the Saviour, and women of the Scriptures. The hymn "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me" was heard in the background, adding to the beautiful spirit.

The Visiting Teachers were presented with red roses. Pink roses were also given to Dorothy L. Shorrock and Alice A. Hughes representing the West Zone of the North British Mission. The silver Revon Porter Cup which is presented each year for the best Visiting Teaching Record went to Barlow Branch Relief Society.

Refreshment tables were decorated with gleaming brass and copper dishes and candlesticks, table covers in blue and gold. The floral arrangements, of yellow daffodils, blue iris, ferns and foliage, were a joy to behold.

To Eileen Watkins, District Relief Society President of the Lake District who works so diligently in planning these events; to each Visiting Teacher Leader or Visiting Teacher who contributes support and enthusiasm appreciation is due. We are sure that each Relief Society Sister throughout the British Isles knows the thrill of participating in a worthwhile, soul-satisfying event. Yes, Visiting Teaching is wonderful, and lovely, well planned conventions held regularly contribute much toward its success. It's so good to take part. May Our Heavenly Father Bless our Visiting Teachers everywhere.

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STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH

"No man is safe unless he is master of himself. There is no tyrant so merciless, or more to be dreaded, than an uncontrollable appetite."

—President Joseph F. Smith

An award winning short story

The Conversion

by Judi Hartley, Winsford, Cheshire

★ "Bye Mum, see you after Primary." A quick kiss, a cheery wave, a gentle slam and Wendy was gone, skipping down the front path with all the zest for living which only the very young and innocent can know. Benita sighed resentfully "another evening alone." What, she wondered self-pityingly, was happening to her once happy carefree family.

Whilst she was preparing tea her husband Frank had rung to say that he wouldn't be home until ten because he had to go to a priesthood meeting, then the twins, Sally and Sue, had rushed in, gobbled her carefully prepared meal, got all dressed up (and even though she was their mother Benita felt real proud of them) and breezily announced that they were going to an M.I.A. dance. Now even Wendy, her baby, had gone out on this church lark.

It's all right for those young Americans thought Benita, they come to England for two years, create havoc in peoples homes, then go back home without a thought for the heartbreak they leave behind. If a small voice at the back of Benita's mind whispered that it was she and not the Mormon Elders who created the havoc then she forced it right to the furthermost recess of her consciousness.

Why only six months ago on a Friday night Benita could have predicted the whereabouts of her family. Frank would be polishing the car ready for the family picnic on Saturday, the twins would be "raving it up" (their

phrase not Benita's) in their studio-cum-bedroom, and young Wendy would have been chattering happily to Benita whilst she thought up various dodges to delay bedtime.

Now she could equally well say where they were—at that church—but where she herself would be the mainspring, in the middle of all the love and laughter, she was now on the outside, in the cold, looking in at a family whose ideas and personalities had suddenly changed almost beyond belief and had in the changing left her far behind. Oh, to be fair, the joining of this church had it's good points.

Frank was now the one she relied upon instead of the other way round he made sure the twins did their share of the housework but the funny thing was he seldom these days had to remind them. Sally and Sue sensibly discussed with her a rota of duties which was flexible yet which provided for all to pull their weight. When Benita had laughingly protested that they were only young once and should enjoy themselves whilst they could, Frank had come down on their side and said that it was never too soon to learn to be a good homemaker. He'd also added a few suggestions of his own with the result that everyone automatically observed the rota. Even Wendy was more thoughtful. Too serious Benita thought. But then Benita thought anything which detracted from the gay life was too serious. Take Frank now worrying about his ancestors, claiming he knew where they were, pestering her about the state of their family after death. Something about a marriage for time and all eternity. That, Benita thought, was funny. When she'd worked hard all her life she deserved her little bit of heaven without family cares. They must take pot luck in the after life just as she believed everyone had to do, although she very much doubted the existence of an after life of any kind.

It was only a matter of time she told herself they'd get fed up of being so good. Soon things would be back to normal. She'd again be having friends in for drinks and they'd all laugh about this religious mania which had hit them so hard. Then she'd be able to boast about being the only one who wasn't gullible. Only if that was so why was it she sat here alone and frightened, crying as if her heart would break.

'Nita Nita' Frank's clear voice rang through the house and Benita hurriedly blew her nose and collected her thoughts.

"What's wrong I thought you would be back late?" As she spoke she walked into the hall to meet her husband and as she looked at him she felt the familiar yet always new surge of love flow through her. The love which had not altered since she took him for better or worse eighteen years ago.

"Nita I've brought you a guest for the night. This is Neal and his mother has had to go out of town to tend a sick relative until the nurse arrives. His father works nights so I said we'd lend a hand."

"Of course we will. Hello Neal, I have some home made biscuits and lemonade in the kitchen, would you like some?" With a warm smile Benita drew the serious faced little boy into the bright warm kitchen. gradually under her friendly persuasion he thawed, his fright left him and he became a normal high spirited little boy. As she and Frank played with him Benita tried to pretend that her earlier fears were all in her imagination. At nine o'clock she left them together whilst she went to make up the bed in the spare room. Soon she heard squeals of laughter mingling with a mans deep hearty chuckle as Frank bathed him. Rosy faced and drowsy, hugging Wendy's long deserted, battered teddy bear, he paddled into the bedroom to her. "Into bed young man" she said cheerfully. She drew the drapes, kissed him lightly on the head and made to leave the room.

"Auntie" the small almost scared voice arrested her as she was about to close the door.

"Yes Love" she paused expectantly waiting to hear the usual plea for just one more story.

"I haven't said my prayers"

Oh: "Benita was at a loss. "Well I'll tell you what you say them to yourself in bed for tonight"

"But I can't do that" the little face puckered and Benita said hastily "all right what do you usually do?"

She came back to the end of the bed, and Neal jumped out and knelt at the side. He looked at her? Obviously he was waiting for her to do something.

Embrarrassed she said in a small voice "I don't know how to pray."

Blank amazement registered on the child's face. "You mean you and uncle Frank don't talk to heavenly father together?" Benita gave a mute nod.

"Well I can't remember everything because mummy usually helps me but I'll try. First you kneel down and put your hands together and shut your eyes. That's so you can see Heavenly Father in your special eye. Now do you know that heavenly father is listening?"

Eager to get out of the room Benita assented. At first as the boy prayed Benita's mind wandered and she heard little of the earnest requests to bless mummy and daddy look after granny, thank you for having the best football in the gang, then suddenly Benita sat up straight as the names of her family registered on her mind. Neal was saying "and please bless auntie Nita and make her want to say her prayers, tell her that you love her like you love me then uncle Frank and Sally and Sue and Wendy won't be unhappy any more."

After Neal had finished Benita felt strangely touched and more at peace then she had done for a long time. "Why did you say that uncle Frank was unhappy?" She asked the little boy as she tucked him in. "He said at testimony meeting would we all pray for you because he loved you and was sad because you were sad" came the sleepy reply.

Benita prepared supper in a thoughtful mood and that night when Frank, as was his custom, asked her to join in their family prayer she didn't refuse as she normally did, nor did she miss the significant glance which her family hopefully exchanged when she walked into the sitting room with Frank. The peace and sincerity impressed her and it became a habit to sit in at their nightly devotions until one wonderful night Benita found herself praying with them. Although all her battles were not yet over by any means but after that night Benita never looked back and when she was baptised three months later the whole family shared a happiness which they all agreed was parallel to none. How do I know all this you ask. Well if a daughter doesn't know her mother who does? Incidently all this happened many years ago and tomorrow Neal and Wendy get married, but that's another story.

Knowledge Wisdom and Works

by
Jack Peart
A Recent
Convert To
The Church
At Huddersfield

★ ". . . If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him . . ." This one scripture started Joseph Smith on his mission on this earth. Was he given wisdom in answer to his prayer? I would rather think he was given knowledge first, for wisdom comes from the application of knowledge. Knowledge comes in various ways: by learning from a teacher or a lecturer at school or college; spiritual knowledge by reading the scriptures; knowledge also comes through experience.

To illustrate this let us take a small toddler and his mother: The mother leaves the poker in the fire and soon it gets red-hot. She takes it out of the fire and lays it in the hearth to cool. The toddler, seeing that his mother has handled the poker, picks it up but at the wrong end and is burned. Some months after the mother makes the same mistake with the poker and as before lays it in the hearth to cool. The toddler goes to pick it up but remembers that the last time he picked it up he was severely burned so he goes away from the hearth and leaves the poker alone. He had acquired knowledge from experience and applied it and so had used wisdom. His mother had acquired knowledge but had not used it and thus had lacked wisdom.

Joseph Smith, when he prayed in the grove, obtained the knowledge that the Father and the Son were real personages. Afterwards, speaking of prayer, he said he had knowledge that he would have a manifestation, had had the wisdom to ask for one and in consequence Moroni appeared to him.

Let us now consider works. James 2:20, ". . . But wilt thou not know, o vain man, that faith without works is dead?" And James 2:14 "What doth it profit my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and have not works? Can faith save him?"

I will illustrate this by a story: A group of small boys were playing in a stream, but the best of them could only swim about three strokes. A short distance below where they were was a treacherous hole much beyond their depth. Into this, one of the boys accidently fell. He was helpless to save himself and for a moment his companions stood and watched him struggling. One boy, though, had the wit to seize a long, loose stick from a fence nearby and held it out to the boy in the water who grasped it firmly with both hands and was dragged to the shore.

All the boys said that the boy owed his life to the boy who had used the stick. This is a fact, but to look at it another way, if the boy in the water had not helped himself by grasping the stick he would have drowned.

Jesus is the boy on the bank, the stick is the Gospel, the means of salvation, the hope of Eternal life. The boy in the water is mankind and must grasp the means of salvation, the stick, hold on to it, and not merely look at Jesus on the bank and say, "I believe." but must use wisdom and apply knowledge by living every principle of the Gospel and help himself by making belief a reality through works.

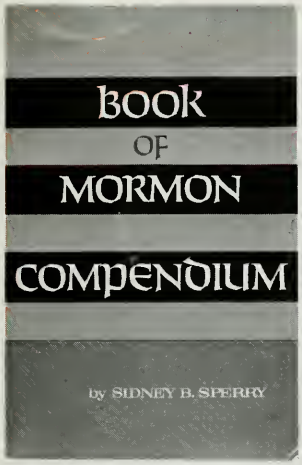
Mankind is not pulled ashore in spite of itself. Knowledge is obtained by doing the will of God; Love of God is not shown in words but in works.

Eternal Life is the result of using wisdom, by applying knowledge of the principles of the Gospel and translating them into works.

The Borough of Huddersfield has a coat of arms which has a motto in latin, "Juvat Impigros Deus", the translation of which I would like to leave with you:

"God helps those who help themselves."

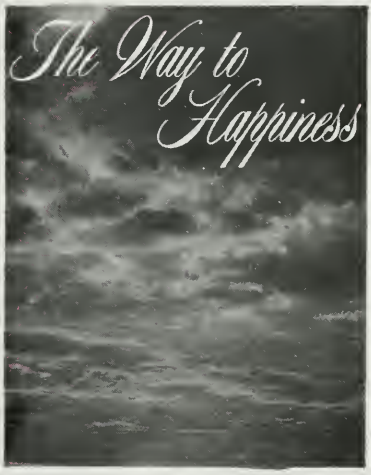
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London Temple News

(BOOK EARLY FOR EDENBROOK)

★ Some disappointment is still being felt by patrons when they find "Edenbrook" already fully booked on the Friday or Saturday night of their assigned Saturdays, according to Temple Pres. Dougald C. McKeown.

Will members coming to stay at "Edenbrook" note that accommodation is only reserved for the assigned Mission and Stakes until two weeks prior to their assigned day and upon the basis of a firm booking, accompanied by a remittance of 5/- per head, made payable to the London Temple.

The accommodation is made available to all who desire it strictly on a 'first come, first served' basis, in the last two weeks before your assigned day, says Pres. McKeown.

TEMPLE

★ Many letters of appreciation are received at the London Temple from persons who attend the various sessions. They express the thoughts and thanks for the blessings and helps received, and for the strength given them to face the problems of life. Some letters come from those attending for the first time, others from long time participants.

A letter of recent date came from a couple who came to the Temple for their own endowments and sealing after many years membership in the Church. The date of their marriage was near the anniversary date of their baptism. They celebrated a second honeymoon at the Temple by staying the full week after their sealing.

May we quote a few of their joyous expressions after that wonderful week:

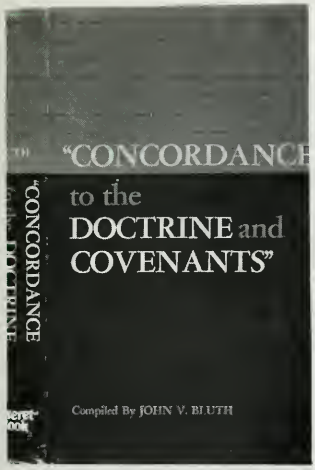
". . . I must admit, I am at a loss as to how I should try to express my feelings, it was all so beautiful. I feel I am now more than ever aware of my many imperfections, but just as determined to overcome them. I feel that at long last I have finally won my personal battle with Satan.

"I know that I speak for my wife as

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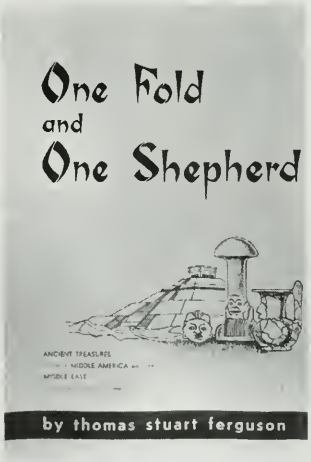
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well when I say that we enjoyed every moment of time we spent in the Temple. We shall never forget you who married us, that is a certainty. We are both supremely happy and can hardly wait to return once again to the Lord's House to participate once more in His "Holy ordinances.

"Until that time we send you our personal thanks and best wishes for the good work we know you are doing in the service of the Lord. . . "

Another sample letter:

"My visit to the Temple was the most wonderful experience. It made me so happy to share the love that abounded there prevalent among everyone present. To be the recipient of such gentle kindness that I experienced whilst participating in the various ordinances was something that I will treasure all my life.

"I never realised that such beauty existed! I am sorry, I did not make this visit earlier in my life. At last I realise the full significance of the work in the Temple and how vital it is for me to influence others to want the same wonderful experiences."

Temple Schedule

AUGUST

16 Summer Holiday
23 Summer Holiday
30 Summer Holiday

SEPTEMBER

6 British South, North British
13 British, Central British
20 Leicester, Manchester, Southwest British
27 London, Leeds



There is a difference between the kingdom of God and the fruits and blessings that flow from the kingdom; because there were more miracles, gifts, visions, healings, tongues, etc., in the days of Jesus Christ and His apostles, and on the day of Pentecost, than under John's administration, it does not prove by any means that John had not the kingdom of God, any more than it would that a woman had not a milkpan because she had not a pan of milk, for while the pan might be compared to the kingdom, the milk might be compared to the blessings of the kingdom.

—Joseph Smith



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Waggoner's Wells situated on the Surrey-Hampshire border

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Who Think This World Is All

Our little here-and-now with moon and sun
Is just a segment of eternal life;
A phase—a stage—one scene—scenery and props
Appropriate to this setting. Those who
Conclude that this is all have thought too small,
And may discover, as the curtains fall,
That they are cast in more confined roles
In future sets. How stars evolve, and suns,
May forever elude their studied grasp.

Before the scene closes, shouldn't we all
Get in the spirit of it? Learn our lines?
They are the same for all humanity—
"This life is the time for men to prepare to meet God."

—Ora Pate Stewart
British South Mission

Signs Evident In World Of Saviours Second Coming Near

By President Joseph Fielding Smith

★ I wish to bear testimony to the restoration of the Gospel, to the mission of our Redeemer, to the call of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the establishment of this work in the dispensation in which we live, known as the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times. I know absolutely that Jesus Christ is the only Begotten Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, the Saviour of men insofar as they will repent of their sins and accept the Gospel. Through His death He redeemed all men and took upon Him that sacrifice which would relieve us of our sins that we may not answer for them if we will accept Him and be true and faithful to His teachings.



President Joseph Fielding Smith

I am just as fully satisfied, because I know, that the Father and the Son appeared to Joseph Smith and revealed to Him the great truth which had been lost because of the wickedness of the world; that they are separate distinct Personages; that the Father and the

Son, together with the Holy Ghost, constitute the Godhead, the great ruling power of the universe; that Jesus Christ volunteered to come into this world to redeem it; that John the Baptist came to the Prophet, as did Moroni before him, and Peter, James, and John later, to give authority and to usher in the kingdom of God anew in this dispensation in which we live, because men had turned away from the truth. Through darkness which covered the earth they had lost the knowledge of God; they had transgressed the laws and changed the ordinances; and instead of teaching the simple truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they taught the commandments of men just as the Lord Jesus Christ declared to the Prophet Joseph Smth.

CRUCIAL TIMES

I am grateful for my membership in this Church, for the opportunity that has been mine to serve. My desire is to prove true and faithful to the end. I realise that this is the Dispensation of the fulness of times; that we live in perilous days; that men's hearts are failing; that contention prevails; nations stand in opposition to nations, and there is no peace.

I realise, because I discover it, that there is commotion not only among men, but also in the elements pertaining to this earth; that they too are becoming angry. The judgments of the Almighty are being poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth by earthquakes, by flood, by famine and pestilence, and in many other ways, and all of these are signs that have been given by our Lord Jesus Christ to convince men upon the face of the earth that His coming is near, even at our doors.

★ "If children are to be brought up in the way they should go, to be good citizens here and happy hereafter, they must be taught. It is idle to suppose that children will grow up good, while surrounded with wickedness, without cultivation. It is folly to suppose that they can become learned without education."

—Joseph Smith
Times and Seasons
Jan. 15, 1842, P 662

Seeds Of Distrust, Doubt Sown By Many

By Elder Mark E. Petersen

★ The work of the Church is a work of conversion. We seek for conversion of ourselves, of our children, and of all mankind who will listen to us—conversion to the point where we and they will be willing to accept the teachings and commandments of the Lord our Saviour and by following them work out our salvation. As the Lord says here, ". . . it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." D&C, 18:14.)

But in spite of all the work that is done in the Church in the way of conversion and teaching, and so much wonderful work is done, there are some instances where people go in reverse and fall away. Sometimes they accept the teachings of false leaders and false teachers who lead them astray.

Often I have asked myself why it is that some people apostatise from the truth. I have never believed that a person falls away suddenly, all at once, any more than a person who has been righteous and honest all his life would go out and suddenly rob a bank. There is some preparatory work done in advance. There is some "softening-up" process which leads to the apostate condition. Big sins generally are preceded by little ones, and I believe that this is true with respect to people who fall away from the truth.

SEEDS OF DOUBT

Seeds are sown, seeds of doubt, disbelief, distrust, disrespect. These seeds are watered; they are nutured, and finally they become fully developed until they produce their evil fruit.
Who sows these seeds of doubt and distrust? They are sown in many ways. I might mention a few.

I have heard of a man who claims to be a very good Latter-day Saint. He claims that he loves the Church,

but he also loves the world, and he lives as close as he possibly can to the line of disobedience without actually violating the letter of the law. He does not realise that he must avoid even the very appearance of evil. He does not realise, possibly, that by living as close to the line of disobedience as he can, he sows seeds of doubt and distrust in the minds of others.

There are those who live in open rebellion against the word of God and violate the commandments continuously and intentionally, and of course they always leave doubt in the minds of others, with some disrespect for them themselves.

FROM WITHIN

And then there are the seeds that are sown by some of our teachers and preachers within our own organisation, who like to advance some new doctrine, or some new interpretation, or some speculative theory, or advance something that is sensational, because to advance the sensational seems to feed their ego inasmuch as they become the centre of a discussion.

Most of our teachers and preachers are wonderful. They teach the truth; they bring about conversions in the minds and hearts of those who listen to them. But there are these few teachers who sow seeds of doubt by speculative and unsound doctrines, and as they do so they "soften up," to use the army expression, some of their hearers who might later be taken over by the apostate teachers who come among them.

It is my full belief that whenever any of us accept a position of any description in the Church, we accept along with it the responsibility of that office, whatsoever it may be. I believe that if a person accepts a position as a teacher in one of our organisations, or if he accepts the responsibility of preaching from the pulpit, such person accepts the responsibility which goes with that call. He becomes a representative of the Church in that position. Every teacher and every preacher therefore is duty-bound, upon accepting such a call, to represent the official views and doctrines of the Church, and to teach those official doctrines in his class or from the pulpit, with the one thought in mind that conversion is to come about in the hearts of those who listen to him. I do not believe that conversion to the truth comes through the teaching of half-truths or untruths.

PLACES TO TEACH TRUTHS

Our classrooms and our assembly rooms have been built at great expense with only one thought in mind, and that is that in them we may teach the truth so that we may convert those who come there, so that they in turn will live the Gospel and work out their salvation in the earth.

I do not believe that the classrooms or the pulpits of our Church are for laboratory purposes in which to ex-



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periment with new doctrines and speculative notions. They are exclusively for the use of those who are willing to convert men and women and boys and girls to the truth.

There is only one man in all the world who has the right to introduce a new doctrine to this Church, and that man is the President of the Church. So teachers, until you become the President of the Church, will you be willing to content yourselves with the present officially accepted doctrines of the Church?

2. I do not believe that we can escape the responsibility of starting someone off on the wrong way if we teach wrong principles. I do not believe that any of us can afford to take that responsibility.

3. I do not believe, therefore, that we can bring into our classes or our sermons views and doctrines which are not accepted and officially advocated by the Church.

4. I do not believe that any teacher in any organisation has the right to discard the prescribed lesson course and substitute in its place magazine articles, philosophical discussions, lectures, or any other extraneous matter.

NOT ACCEPTED TRUTH

5. I do not believe that we can bring into our classrooms or sermons the philosophies and doctrines of uninspired men of the world, no matter how well educated they may be, and present them as accepted truth.

6. I do not believe we should accept every theory advanced by men of science as though it were true. These men change their minds much too often for that.

7. I do not believe we should bring into our classes and sermons the doctrines of other churches and teach them as accepted truth.

8. I do not believe we should teach the doctrines of the British-Israel or similar organisations, sensational though they may be, presenting them to our people as though they were true.

9. I do not believe we should give time in our classes to discussions of the alleged interpretations of the measurements of the Great Pyramid of Egypt, fantastic and unreliable as they so often are.

10. I do not believe we should accept the current views that the lost ten tribes have been found in the northern nations of Europe, or that they have been named, indexed, and classified.

11. I do not believe that we can accept the peculiar notion that the mythical Odin of the North was in reality the Saviour of the world performing His work among the northern nations of Europe or the ten tribes.

12. I do not believe we should give credence to the highly speculative theories about Book of Mormon geography.

13. I do not believe that there were two Hill Cumorahs, one in Central America and the other one up in New York, for the convenience of the Prophet Joseph Smith, so that the poor boy would not have to walk clear to Central America to get the gold plates.

BELIEVE THE PROPHET

14. I do not believe we can be good Latter-day Saints and question the integrity of Joseph Smith.

15. I do not believe we can be good Latter-day Saints and question the testimony of the eleven witnesses of the Book of Mormon.

16. I do not believe you have a testimony of the truth if you question the accuracy of the translation of the Book of Mormon.

17. I do not believe you have the facts or are being honest with yourself if you question the Manifesto as it appears in the Doctrine and Covenants.

18. I do not believe we should try to establish our personal fads as Church doctrine. I do not believe my eternal salvation will be affected in any way if I eat white bread or white sugar. I do not believe the doctrines of the Church are in any way involved in whether my whole wheat is stone-ground or steel-cut.

19. I do not believe we can be good Christians, regardless of the denomination, if we refuse to believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross. I do not believe anyone can be a good Christian, regardless of denomination, if he questions the reality of the literal, physical resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after His crucifixion.

20. I do not believe we can be good Christains of any denomination and reject the Old Testament. I do not believe we can be good Christains of any denomination and reject the epistles of the New Testament.

PROPHET RECEIVES REVELATION

21. I do not believe we can be good Latter-day Saints, or that we are loyal to this Church, if we accept alleged revelations of men and women who claim to have received them for the membership of the Church when we know that the Lord designates the President of the Church as the only one on earth to whom He will reveal His mind for the Church at large.

22. I do not believe that we can be good Latter-day Saints or good Christians of any denomination and accept the teachings of some that death was a mistake, that it can be avoided, and that we can achieve immorality without passing through death, just by following the teachings of some false prophet.

23. I do not believe that we can ignore the teachings of the Saviour when He said,

". . . there shall be no disputations among you, as there have hitherto been; neither shall there be disputations among you concerning the points of my doctrine, as there have hitherto been.

"For verily, verily I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another." (3 Nephi 11:28-29.)

Notice

★ The Pembroke Branch, Southwest British Mission, desires to make known times of its services, especially for those Saints on holiday in the area.

Sunday School at 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament Meeting at 11.30 a.m.
At the Royal Edinburgh Hotel, Pembroke Dock.

Baptism

As you entered the cool clear water
We uttered a fervent prayer,
When we witnessed your total immersion,
And the peace of our Lord lingered there.

The joy of this day we will treasure,
And for you a new life has begun,
Old deeds are forgotten like dreams in the night
And are gone with the rising sun.

Now we witness your confirmation,
You are blessed by a heavenly host,
The elders of Israel encompass you now,
And your gift is the holy ghost.

You are now in the straight and narrow,
A path that will sometimes be sad,
But remember the Saviour thus suffered,
And your heart once again will be glad.

Stay close to the Lord and be prayerful,
Let courage and love be your guide,
Keep strong in the faith, press on to the end,
And your heart once again will be glad.

—Margory E. Green
Near Farnham, Surrey



Elder Marion G. Romney

Do His Will Today Now!

By Elder Marion G. Romney

★ I quote a text by which we may test ourselves today and always as to where we stand with reference to our faith and belief in God. It is the 25th verse of the 64th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"Wherefore, if ye believe me, ye will labour while it is called today."

In the two paragraphs which precede it, the Lord makes clear three things: First, the meaning of the word today as used in the text; second, certain things which His people should do today; and third, some events which will come to pass tomorrow. Here are His words:

"Behold, now it is called today until the coming of the Son of Man, and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned at his coming.

"For after today cometh the burning . . . for verily I say, tomorrow all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble; and I will burn them up, for I am the Lord of Hosts; and I will not spare any that remain in Babylon."

And then follows our text:

"Wherefore, if ye believe me, ye will labour while it is called today." (Ibid., 64:23-25.)

TODAY—ALL IMPORTANT

I have in my heart a desire to emphasise the importance of doing the will of God now while today lasts. Perhaps more hangs upon what a man does during the short period of his mortal probation than upon his performance in any other period of equal duration since the spirit hosts took sides in the great war in heaven.

Amulek, Alma's missionary companion, speaks to this subject as follows:

". . . now is the time and the day of your salvation; . . .

"For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold, the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labours.

". . . therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end; for after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labour performed." (Alma 34: 31-33.)

CONTINUE TO THE END

Nephi taught this same doctrine and went one step farther. He declared that we must not only labour in this life, but that we must also continue that labour until the end of life. He pointed out that the gate by which one enters upon the straight and narrow path is repentance and baptism by water and of fire and the Holy Ghost, and then continued:

"And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this straight and narrow path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; . . .

". . . ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life." (2 Nephi 31:19-20.)

"And now, my beloved brethren, I know by this that unless a man shall endure to the end, in following the example of the Son of the living God, he cannot be saved." (Ibid., 31:16.)

COUNSELS MORONI

Mormon's performance, along with his counsel to his son Moroni, is an

heroic example of one's continuing unto the end under the most trying circumstances. You will recall that it was Mormon who led the degenerate Nephites in their final struggle against the Lamanites. And a discouraging and thankless job it was! As he approached the inevitable end, he wrote to his beloved son Moroni, advising that he had just fought an important battle in which he did not conquer, and in which three of his most valiant leaders and a great number of his choice men had been killed. He continued,

"And now behold, my son, I fear lest the Lamanites shall destroy this people; for they do not repent, and Satan stirreth them up continually to anger one with another.

"Behold, I am labouring with them continually; and when I speak the word of God with sharpness they tremble and anger against me; and when I use no sharpness they harden their hearts against it; wherefore, I fear least the Spirit of the Lord hath ceased striving with them.

"For so exceeding do they anger that it seemeth me that they have no fear of death; and they have lost their love, one towards another; and they thirst after blood and revenge continually." (Moroni 9:3-5.)

Then, notwithstanding these discouraging circumstances, he declares his intention to continue to labour and encourages his son Moroni to do likewise. Listen to his plea and take courage therefrom:

A FURTHER PLEA

"And now, my beloved son, notwithstanding their hardness, let us labour diligently; for if we should cease to labour, we should be brought under condemnation; for we have a labour to perform whilst in this tabernacle of clay, that we may conquer the enemy of all righteousness, and rest our souls in the kingdom of God." (Ibid., 9:6.)

In the light of these teachings, it would seem to be most unwise to rely upon the doctrine of the so-called second chance and wait until after death to perform our good works. I am acquainted with the doctrine that those who have had no opportunity to hear and receive the Gospel in this life will have that opportunity in the world to come, and I rejoice in it. I rejoice in the vision and the revelation received by the Prophet Joseph Smith on the 21st day of January 1836, which teaches this doctrine. The Prophet reported that vision and that revelation in part as follows:

"The heavens were opened upon us, and I beheld the celestial kingdom of God, and the glory thereof . . . I saw the transcendent beauty of the gate through which the heirs of that kingdom will enter, which was like unto circling

flames of fire; also the blazing throne of God, whereon was seated the Father and the Son. I saw the beautiful streets of that kingdom, which had the appearance of being paved with gold. I saw Fathers Adam and Abraham, and my father and mother, my brother, Alvin, that has long since slept, and marvelled how it was that he had obtained an inheritance in that kingdom, seeing that he had departed this life before the Lord had set His hand to gather Israel the second time, and had not been baptised for the remission of sins.

"Thus came the voice of the Lord unto me, saying—

ALSO HEIRS

"'All who have died without a knowledge of this Gospel, who would have received it if they had been permitted to tarry, shall be heirs of the celestial kingdom of God; also all that shall die henceforth without a knowledge of it, who would have received it with all their hearts, shall be heirs of that kingdom, for I, the Lord, will judge all men according to their works, according to the desire of their hearts.'" (D. H. C. 2:380.)

All this I accept with joy. However, it does not teach, and I have never found anything in the scriptures nor in the teachings of the prophets which encourages me to believe, that those who have the Gospel taught to them here will be able to make up their loss if they choose to wait for the next life to obey it. I would not advise anyone to take that chance. As I understand the scriptures, taking such a hazard would be fatal.

Amulek, after speaking of "the night of darkness wherein there can be no labour performed," added:

"Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay, ye cannot say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.

"For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his; therefore, the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you, and hath no place in you, and the devil hath all power over you; and this is the final state of the wicked." (Alma 34: 34-35.)

PARABLE OF THE VIRGINS

On this point of deferring obedience to the Gospel, we might with profit consider the Saviour's parable of the ten virgins. I do not remember any provision being made in that parable for the five foolish virgins to enter into the marriage at a later time. I do

remember, however that after the door was shut they, having in the meantime filled their lamps with oil, came saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us," and that his answer was, "Verily I say unto you, I know you not." (See Matt. 25: 1-13.)

In 1831 the Lord continued with the lesson He had in mind to teach with this parable. Speaking to the Prophet Joseph, He specified some of the blessings to be received by the five wise virgins. Said He:

"And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins.

"For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day.

"And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation.

"For the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their king and their lawgiver." (D&C 45:56-59.)

LABOUR ALL YOUR DAYS

No mention is made in this revelation of the whereabouts of the foolish virgins. Said the Prophet Joseph,

"If men would acquire salvation they have got to be subject, before they leave this world, to certain rules and principles, which were fixed by an unalterable decree before the world was.

"Otherwise the disappointment of hopes and expectations at the resurrection would be indescribably dreadful." (D. H. C. 6:50-51.)

In view of these teachings and the many others which carry the message that today is the day for us to perform our labours, it would seem to be wisdom on the part of every soul who has been taught the Gospel, to here and now make a daily conscious and sincere effort to live it. And this effort should continue to the end of mortal life. Failing to make such an effort, a person identifies himself as one who does not believe the Lord, for, said He, ". . . if ye believe me, ye will labour while it is called today."

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Every Latter Day Saint Should Lead Life of

By Elder ElRay L. Christiansen

★ It seems to me that the life of a Latter-day Saint is intended to be a life of dedication and of consecration to the things of God. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a programme for the perfecting of the individual member by his adherence to the principles of that Gospel. It is designed to teach us to forget ourselves, to be unselfish. I have come to think that selfishness on the part of those of us who are inclined that way is one of the great deterrents to our progress and to the realisation of a divine destiny.

Let us be determined to overcome selfishness and personal aggrandisement by sharing with others that which we have, by dedicating ourselves to the work at hand which we have to do, through dedication of our talents, our time, our substance, our tithes, and our offerings, our love, our goodness and kindness one to another, always seeing the good that always may be found in others.

When we partake of the sacrament, we presumably take upon us the name of Christ. We agree to do as He would do, to act as He would act:

'. . . by love serve one another.

'For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." (Gal. 5: 13-14.)

THE REWARD

The reward of unselfish service has been told us by the Lord when He has said that ". . . whosover will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake(I take it, in his service and the service of his fellow men) shall find it." (Matt. 16: 25.)

The sweetness and the joy of life is found when we are willing to deny ourselves for the good and the benefit of others. Service to others, service in the Church, giving of our substance,

Dedication, Consecration

is part of the life of a Latter-day Saint. We are taught that sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven. In no other way, as I see it, can the Lord raise up a people who will be fit for the kingdom, who will have it ready for His coming. By offering Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world and the redemption of mankind from death, Jesus set an incomparable example to us in the way of sacrifice and of love for others.

Again, when Abraham and Sarah were commanded of the Lord—requested at least—to give as a sacrifice, their son Isaac, we can imagine what must have gone through their minds. Nevertheless, they met the test. The Lord did it to see how much they loved Him. Abraham was sustained, I am sure, by an unwavering trust in God. I am sure that Abraham knew that to accomplish His purposes, God could, if he desired, raise up Isaac from the dead, even after He had died. But what a lesson that is in service, of dedication, of consecration of that which he dearly loved! No wonder that Abraham was called a "friend of God."

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

An opportunity to demonstrate his love of the Lord was given to another man. He had great possessions, and he had a chance to test his unselfishness when he asked of the Lord, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25.) Now this man had done many good things. He had kept most of the commandments, I understand, but he had become selfish because of his great possessions. Evidently he thought more of them than he did of eternal life, because when told by the Saviour that in order to gain eternal life he should sell whatsoever he had and give to the poor and take up the cross and follow Him, he was sad, and according to the record, ". . . went away grieved: for he had great possessions." (Mark 10:22.) He had not learned the meaning of dedication and of consecration.

Contrast this man with a certain poor widow who cast into the treasury

her two mites, which made a farthing —all that she had. Her contribution amounted to very little in monetary value, about one half of a penny of our money, but it was not the smallness of her offering that made it especially acceptable unto the Lord as He witnessed her placing her money in the treasury, but it was the spirit of sacrifice that she had shown. As He observed others throwing their money into the treasury, the record states:

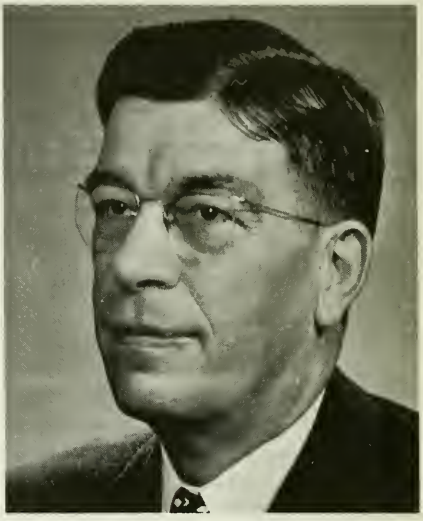
". . . he called unto his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

"For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." (Ibid., 12:43-44.)

DEDICATION IS REAL NEED

Dedication, it seems to me, in some form, is the real essence of all religion. Dedication to the will of the Lord and to His work is the religion of the Latter-day Saints. In this dispensation of the Gospel, thousands have met the test when called upon to sacrifice their personal positions, their time, and even their lives, in order to establish and defend the kingdom of God upon the earth.

The Prophet Joseph Smith permitted himself to be taken by the mob and



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be put to death, and along with him, Hyrum, whose life was lost by an assassin's bullet, and in the same room at the same time, Dr. Willard Richards and John Taylor, who refused to leave him, and Dan Jones, and others who were loyal and devoted and would have given their lives gladly in preference to the Prophet's life. They set an example for us in this dispensation! There is scarcely an end to the list of those who have done likewise or who stand now willing to do all that is required of them. A spirit of dedication, willingness to serve in any capacity and to sacrifice, if necessary, characterizes the true Latter-day Saint.

It was not long ago that I was in one of the stakes in southern Idaho. I was asked to interview five young

men between twenty-five and thirty-five years of age, most of them married and having one or two children, to see if they were ready to receive an office in the Melchizedek Priesthood for which they had been recommended. I received the thrill of my life. Somehow, I decided—I don't know whether I made a mistake or not—but I decided to see what the depth of their willingness to sacrifice was. As each one came into the room, I sat down with him, introduced myself, and became better acquainted with him.

Then I stated that the Church had acquired a great tract of land in Brush Creek and wished to prepare it for settlement for the Saints. The water had to be brought on to it, the brush had to be cleared and the land leveled, homes built, schools erected, and all things must be done from scratch. It would be no easy thing. I said: "If you were asked to, would you take your wife and family and leave what you have and go to Brush Creek and settle it?" Every one of those young men said yes.

DEDICATION—CONSECRATION

I said: "What would your wife think about it?" In every case they said, in effect, "I am sure she would feel as I do, that if the Church required it, we would go." Then I explained that I had concocted the story.

I felt like putting my arms around each of those young men. I commended them, and then I got down on my knees, and I thanked the Lord for such young men of this day who were ready to dedicate, to consecrate, to leave all that they had and go, no matter where they may be called to go and build up Zion. That is the test that we all should be ready to meet.

There is a veritable army of men and women such as these in the quorums, in the missions, and in the wards and stakes, and in all places, where they serve without a thought of compensation. There is no end to the list—the home teachers, who do good jobs, all of those who serve, all of you. It is commendable, and it must be pleasing in the sight of the Lord. Among them, not to be overlooked, are those much unnoticed, unsung men and women, who day after day, month after month, year after year, labour in the temples of the Lord, giving vicarious service on behalf of the dead. Along with them are those who do research work, hiding behind desks and files, where nobody knows about them, spending hours and money and time and energy that the work might be perfected.

It is one thing, you know, to do something for those who can return the goodness and who can thank you, but these people—this great army of those who do vicarious service, who do not expect a return in thanks, at this time at least—I think win our most sincere commendation and our admiration for that type of dedication.

President McKay's Message To Y W M I A

★ A message filled with gratitude for the YWMIA and its accomplishments during its first century was sent the women's auxiliary by President David O. McKay. The Prophet's letter was read during the opening session of the annual conference by Gen. Pres. Florence S. Jacobsen.

"It is impossible to estimate the thousands upon thousands of souls who have been influenced, who have in turn instilled faith and the highest ideals of womanhood in their children and their children's children by teachings and inspiration of this organisation."

President McKay said the highest ideal today is love as it may be expressed in marriage and home building.

The 96-year-old prophet appealed to the young women of the Church to "resist the temptations of the world that may come under the heading of 'vanity.'"

He said, "there is a beauty every girl has—a gift from God as pure as sunlight, and as sacred as life. It is a beauty that all true men love, a virtue that wins men's souls. That beauty is chastity. Chastity without skin beauty may enkindle the soul; skin beauty without chastity can kindle only the eye."

The President blessed and commended the young women of the Church for their faithfulness.

YWMIA Centennial

100 Years Past For Youth — 100 Now Ahead!

By Monitor C. Noyce

★ One hundred years ago President Brigham Young was inspired of the Lord to call his children and wives together and to organise them into what the Prophet called the Young Ladies Department of the Cooperation Retrenchment Association.

"Retrench in everything that is bad and worthless, and improve in everything that is good and beautiful," were his instructions.

It began with his family, but through the years the depth and scope of the Retrenchment Association grew, making it Church-wide and its name later changed to the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. With that expansion came the annual conferences of the Association. Wise leadership saw the wisdom and potential of the Association and soon the Young Men's MIA was formed as a companion. Together the two youth arms of the Church have become as stalwart beacons pointing the way to Eternal Life and Salvation to hundreds of thousands of young men and women.

Through numerous activities in drama, music, speech, sports under the influence of Gospel standards the youth have remained true to the teachings and thus each generation has produced the next generation's leaders.

This the Centennial Year the YWMIA flavoured the annual MIA June Conference with "scenes" from 1869 with the YWMIA executives, Gen. Pres. Florence S. Jacobsen and her counselors Sis. Margaret R. Jackson and Sis. Dorothy P. Holt, dressed in costumes of that early Pioneer period.

Sis. Jacobsen baked a 150 lb. centennial cake for the three-day Lion House reception. The cake was baked in the Lion House, Brigham Young's home, next door to the present Church Administration Building in Salt Lake City.

It is expected that centennial balls, patterned after the grand ball of the June Conference, will be held around the world on regional, inter-stake or stake levels and mission (district) levels, on November 28, the actual Centennial date. Floor shows are to be costumed dances of a century ago.

During this year's 70th annual MIA June Conference thousands of members and visitors were entertained through the unique LDS Roadshows, seeing five original productions selected from several states and the Quartet Festival when 10 different groups performed each of the two evenings in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

Magnificent colour and precision was exhibited by 6,500 young men and women as they danced on the green at the University of Utah Stadium, also centennial-oriented.

A 600-voice girls chorus from 64 stakes and the 45-minute film telling the story of the YWMIA and entitled, "Pioneers in Petticoats" were special features of the conference. (The film is to be made available throughout the Church) The chorus introduced the new song, "The Glory of God is Intelligence."

A special centennial plate, an attractive gold medallion to be worn as a necklace or on a charm bracelet, an attractively-decorated linen towel with a centennial design and a special design for making of a centennial quilt, are also available.

Winners of the three annual awards given at MIA June Conference were:

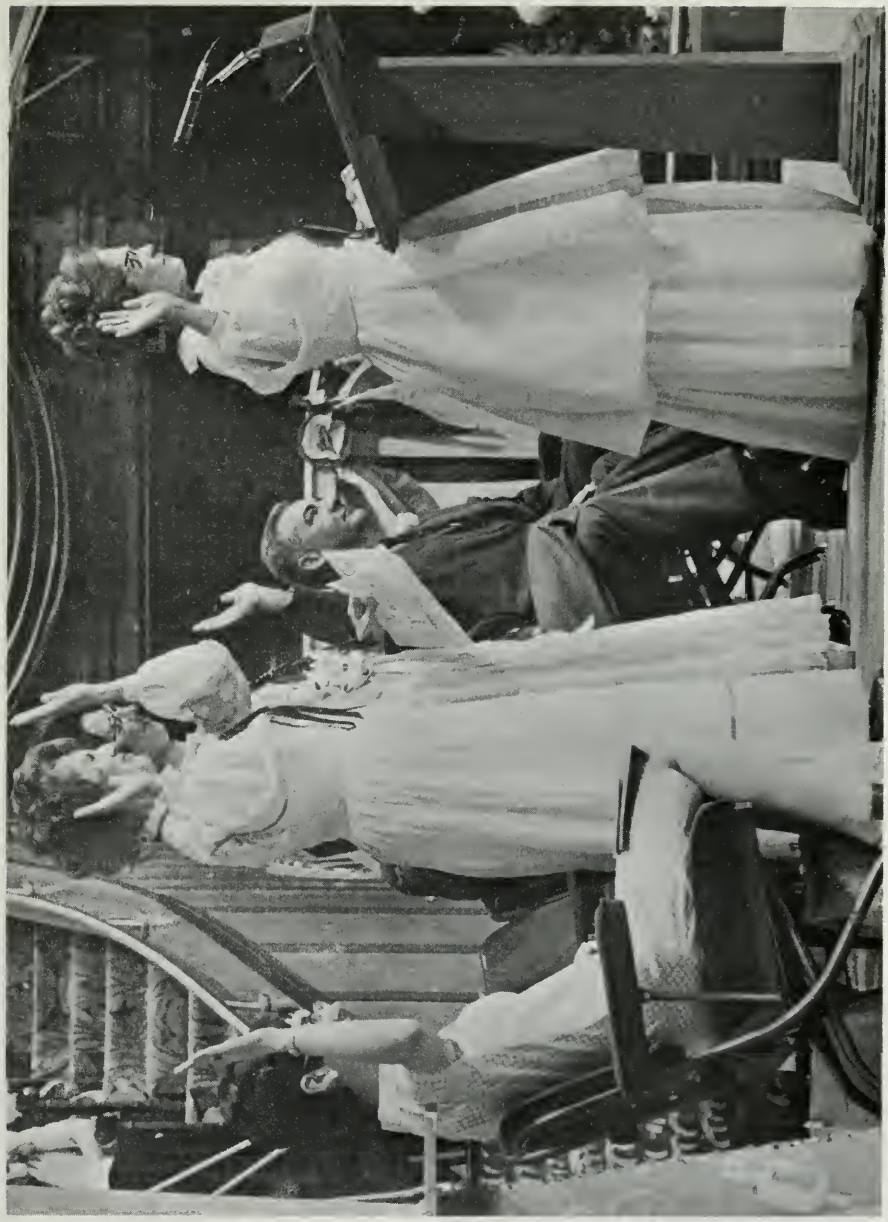
Marvin J. Ashton, first assistant general superintendent of the YMMIA recipient of the Homer "Pug" Warner Award for his outstanding contribution to the YMMIA Athletic programme.

Bro. Clifford I. Cummings, Vienna, Virginia and Elizabeth Thomas Sardoni Salt Lake City, the Honorary M-Man and Golden Gleaner Awards.

Supt. Ashton, a personal friend of the late Homer C. "Pug" Warner, has directed the regional and All-Church YMMIA Athletic programmes since 1940 and has been chairman and director of the All-Church Athletic programme for eight years.

Bro. Cummings, has been assistant director of defense research and engineering for intelligence, reconnaisance and electromagnetic ware with the Department of Defense. He pioneered in the Ranger and Surveyor space programmes to the moon. Bro. Cummings has been a seminary teacher and counselor in a stake presidency.

Sis. Sardoni, now 88, still teaches piano in her home. In 1902 she was appointed to the first YWMIA General Board as organist.



Sustaining of YM and YWMIA general presidencies. At left Pauline Doggett, London Stake YWMIA president, who offered prayer at opening session.

Leaders Of Youth Must Study, Know Truths

★ President N. Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency, counseled officers and teachers at the Young Women's MIA Centennial Sunrise Service of June Conference that:

"As leaders it is our responsibility to study and know and understand the Gospel, to understand the purpose of life and one's mission here upon the earth, and by living and teaching these truths help those with whom we are privileged to work to understand and gain a testimony of these things."

Further he said the YW leaders have a responsibility to help the youth of the Church realise the stability, and anchor these truths provide when facing temptations and frustrations in the world today.

"Let us fully realise and accept the fact that if we have no leadership deliquency and no adult delinquency we need not worry about juvenile delinquency."

President Tanner said, "We must do all in our power to help the girls realise what a great honour and privilege it will be to be a Celestial Queen in the Kingdom of our Father in Heaven."

The Glory Of God Is Intelligence



YMMIA Supt. G. Carlos Smith addressing MIA June Conference.



Polka dance, one of 35 specialty numbers in Dance Festival.



"A Blue Ribbon Affair", skit from Mesa, Arizona, in Parent-Youth presentation.

"Never Lose Purpose" MIA Leaders Counseled

"The MIA today has not lost nor should ever lose the purpose and inspiration that prompted its foundings."

President Alvin R. Dyer of the First Presidency told co-workers in the MIA at the organisation's annual conference that "in this, the final dispensation of the Gospel, the doctrines and principles of salvation have been given. The happenings of 'last things' will transpire to culminate God's work.

"Because of this, the programming of the Church must maintain its tempo in the fight against evil to safeguard its members from the deceptions of evil."

He warned the leaders of the Church youth that "if we yield to things of an evil nature, then we too become evil in that performance."

President Dyer outlined three of the calamities which have come upon man and which can destroy the soul of man when the precepts of men rather than the commandments of God are followed.

The first calamity he said is immorality consisting of premarital sex, infidelity and adultery; the second, the harmful indulgences of drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and the unrighteous dominion over the lives of men, as the third.

He declared that the pattern of these commandments as found in the Church must be followed if we are not to be deceived.

ELDER LEE

★ Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve, warned MIA leaders that "there is a dangerous tendency to compromise Church doctrines and standards to satisfy the world when only God can change these things.

"It is becoming popular to challenge doctrines and standards under the guise of so-called academic freedom."

Elder Lee said another tendency is that of "thinking it wholesome to dissent against Church institutions and authorities."

He also advised that the home is the most basic and vital of all institutions and that "every Church activity and function should be planned to strengthen, never weaken, the home."



Skit from Mesa, Arizona, entitled "**A Blue Ribbon** Affair."

Introducing

Successful Businessman Heads Scottish Mission

★ A great desire to be of service, unselfishly, to others, is quickly noted in the character of Francis Nephi Grigg and Sister Grigg. Pres. Grigg recently assumed the presidency of the Scottish Mission with headquarters at Edinburgh. He succeeded Pres. Egbert J. Brown. Pres. and Sis. Brown who have returned to their home in Arizona.

Pres. Grigg, a successful Oregon businessman and member of the Nyssa, Ore. Stake High Council, was accompanied on his new assignment by Sis. Grigg and three of their children; David 16, Steven 15 and Jeri 11. The Griggs also have five married daughters and 12 grandchildren.

The founder and former president of the Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., Pres. Grigg has been a member of the H. J. Heinz Co. board which absorbed his firm. He was born at Nampa, Idaho and reared in a family of 13 children. Sister Grigg was born in Emmett, Idaho.

The new president has also spent much time in community, civic and Church activities serving on college trustee boards, the Chamber of Commerce, state assignments, 33 years of service in Boy Scout leadership and holds the Silver Beaver Award.

His formula for success: "Bite off more than you can chew and then 'chew it.'"

The Griggs believe that "the whole purpose of our existence and that which is most enduring, is to be of service to others."

They believe that the big breakthrough to the ailing society "is when one discovers that he has more to live for than being a menace to other people and himself. The role of education in the development process is vital and never ending."



Pres. Francis Nephi Grigg, new president of the Scottish Mission, with Sister Grigg and their sons David, Steven and daughter, Jeri.

Pres. Grigg expressed his view on "free agency" as that each has the right to order his life in whatsoever manner he chooses. But, he adds, "it should always be remembered that the principle of free agency involves both freedom of actions and responsibility for our actions.

"Yes, truth may and will prevail over error but each of us must develop an attitude of willingness to be of service, which involves sacrifice, effort and hard work."

This widely traveled speaker declares "that teaching others how to establish a good home—the foundation of society—and to have the proper spirit in the conduct of that home and the rearing of children in righteousness and harmony—and how for them to be of beneficial service to others in their communtiy and its institutions—are principles of peace that will distill upon the souls of men and result in joy, happiness and success."

Pediatrician Now Doctor Of Souls In The British Mission

★ A Bountiful, Utah, pediatrician, Dr. Wilford Dean Belnap, has assumed the direction of the British Mission, succeeding Pres. Reed Callister who has returned to his home in California accopained by Sister Callister and their daughter.

Pres. Belnap, in Britain for his fifth visit, is accompanied by his wife, Sis. Mary Elen Bennett Belnap, and their six children, Roseann, Paul, Louise, Eric, Grant and David.

Dr. Belnap, born in Salt Lake City, a son of Wilford and Louise Oscarson-Belnap, received his M.D. degree from the University of Utah and was named a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is also on the clinical faculty in the department of pediatrics at the U of U's College of Medicine.

He has been a member of the Youth Correlation Committee of the Church, and also an adviser to the Priesthood Genealogy Committee. His Church positions have included that of branch president, counselor in the Bountiful Seventh Ward bishopric, of the Bountiful South Stake, guide on Temple Square for eight years, missionary in Ensign Stake and Washington, D.C. Pres. Belnap is a past president of the Utah State School Boards and past chairman, Pacific Region, National School Boards; and chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Care and Education of the Handicapped.

Sis. Belnap, at the time of their call to Great Britain, was serving as stake YWMIA music director and has served in many capacities in ward and stake auxiliaries. She is a graduate also of the U of U where she was president of the women students in 1947-48. Her parents are Harold H. and Emily Higgs Bennett.

The Belnap family bring to the British Mission many talents including a great love for beautiful music. It is Pres. Belnap's desire that a great youth chorus, involving several hundred young men and women, will be organised in the near future.



Pres. Dean W. Belnap, new president of the British Mission with Sister Belnap and their children, Roseann, Paul, Louise, Eric, Grant and David.

Notice—All University Students

★ Copies of the photographs taken at the 2nd Annual LDS Students Convention held at Sunderland this spring, are now available from:

Roger J. Ball
61 Lostwood Road,
St. Austen, Cornwall

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Clifton I. Johnson Presides Over Central British Mission

★ Clifton I. Johnson, accompained by his wife Josephine and their six children, arrived in Sutton Coldfield on July 4th to take up his duties as President of the Central British Mission.

Pres. Johnson has had plently of experiences to prepare him for his new calling, he was formerly bishop of the Bountiful, Utah, 4th Ward, and in private life, manager of the Canada Life Assurance Co., office in Salt Lake City. He graduated from the University of Utah in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army as a Lt. Colonel during World War II.

During 1947 to 1949 he was a missionary in the New England States Mission, and has also taught seminary and been a guide on Temple Square. For four years he was a member of the bishopric in his ward, and after his release served in the Bountiful South Stake Sunday School superintendency. He was ordained bishop of his ward in 1961 after his stake service, and continued in this office until called as Mission President.

Sister Johnson has been active in all the auxiliaries of the Church in various wards, and has also taught in schools in Colorado and Salt Lake City.

Their children include John, 18, Francine Elizabeth 16, Leslie 14, Kathleen 12, Clifton Scott 8, and Timothy 7.



Pres. Clifton I. Johnson, new president of the Central British Mission, his wife Sister Johnson and their children, John, Francine Elizabeth, Leslie, Kathleen, Clifton Scott and Timothy.

RECIPES FOR YOU



MAGIC CHOCOLATE FRENCH FUDGE

★ This super-smooth chocolate rich fudge does not need to be beaten. Makes about ½lb.

1 cup (6oz. package) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon sweetened condensed milk
Pinch of salt
½ teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons ground nuts (if desired)

In top of double boiler melt chocolate over hot water; stir a few times. Remove from heat.

Stir in condensed milk, salt, vanilla and nuts, if used. Stir only until smooth. Turn into waxed paper-lined container. Press into block 1″ high. Refrigerate until firm, about 2 hours.

Invert container on cutting board. Lift off container. Peel off paper. With a sharp bladed knife cut fudge into serving pieces. Store in airtight container.

MILE HIGH STRAWBERRY PIE

1 - 10 oz. package frozen strawberries (defrosted)
1 cup sugar
2 egg whites
1 tsp. salt
½ cup heavy cream (whipped)
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla

Place defrosted berries, sugar, egg whites, lemon juice and salt in a large bowl. Whip at medium speed until firm—about 15 minutes. Whip cream, add vanilla and fold into the other mixture. Place in 10″ biscuit crust and chill.

RECIPES FOR YOU



BISCUIT CRUST

For a 10″ pie. Mix 2 cups crushed digestive biscuits with 1 tablespoon melted butter. Press the mixture onto the base and sides of 10″ pie plate.

LEMON SQUASH

1 lemon
¾ lb. lump or granulated sugar
1½ pts. boiling water
1 dessert spoon citric acid

Peel lemon thinly, squeeze out juice, put both in jug, add sugar and citric acid, pour on boiling water, stir well. Leave for about 12 hours, strain and use about 1 tablespoon to a tumbler of water. Keep in refrigeration.

BEAN SALAD

Drain

1 tin green beans
1 tin waxed butter beans
1 tin red kidney beans

Add

1 sliced Spanish onion
1 green pepper

Marinate in

½ cup vinegar
½ cup salad oil
½ - 2/3 cup sugar

Let stand several hours or overnight.

Convert, Missionary Renew Friendship In Salt Lake

By Douglas Palmer

★ It was a meeting of hearts and hands when Mrs. Brian (Bernice) West stepped off the chartered British airliner in Salt Lake City.

There to greet her was LeEtta Pratt, a tall, suntaned girl, who as a missionary 11 years ago, called at the West home in Bristol, England.

The meeting in Salt Lake June 24 was under much different circumstances, with Sister West now a member of the Church and on her way to attend the annual MIA June Conference of the Church. Eleven years ago she and her husband knew little about the Church.

"We felt awkward and considered it inconvenient to join the Church at that time," Sister Ward recalled.

Today she and her husband, a stationery salesman, are MIA supervisors in the Southwest British Mission, a position they have held the past nine years. They also travel extensively throughout the British Isles in connection with MIA work and last June were in charge of an MIA workshop for youth leaders from throughout Europe, held in the Swedish Mission. She and her husband were married in April 1960 in the London Temple.

Sister Pratt, formerly of Downey, Idaho, and now of Salt Lake City, who with a companion called at the West home on a cold, snowy day in January 1958, holds a similar position to that of Sister West in the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. She is Bonneville Region director of the YWMIA in Salt Lake City, with specific assignment over Sports Camp activities for young girls.

She is also secretary to Elder Theodore M. Burton, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and vice president and general manager of The Genealogical Society of the Church.

"We just couldn't understand two young girls coming to our home on bicycles every Friday evening in all kinds of weather," Sister West said. She and her husband, who remained at home in England with their five children while his wife made her first trip to Salt Lake, were baptised members of the Church Sept. 13, 1958, the day Sister Pratt was transferred from

the Bristol District.

Sister West proudly discussed her mission's MIA programme, now running "successfully" in 23 branches.

"The MIA has helped our youth to remain close to the Church and has instilled in them the desire to be married in the temple," she said. "The girls Campcrafter programme is used in every branch."

Sister West said 450 youth are expected to attend a three-day MIA Mission Conference in October. Last October 402 women attended a similar gathering at Torquay, Devonshire.

Miss Pratt gratefully reflects on her association with the Wests, who were "challenging" investigators. But she "knew they would be valiant" in the Church when they did decide to become members.



Sister Brian (Bernice) West, left, and Sister LeEtta Pratt, reflect on diary kept when Sis. West joined the Church Sept. 13, 1958 in Bristol.







Michele McConkie



Michael Hemingway

Two L D S Students Honored At High School

★ Two young L.D.S. students received some of the highest honours awarded by Central High School at Bushey, Hertfordshire, at an awards assembly recently. Michael Hemingway, a priest and a member of Hyde Park Ward in London, and Michele McConkie of High Wycombe Branch, Buckinghamshire, were honoured with a medal and certificates for their excellence in several subjects as well as recognition for service to the school.

Mike was awarded a medal for Music Theory and certificates for outstanding achievement in English, Honour Roll and service. He was a minstrel in the school play, has contributed in all school music activities, played football and served as manager of the basketball team.

Michele was awarded certificates for outstanding achievement in English, Humanities, Honour Roll and Drama.

She received a prize as the "best actress" for her performance as Rosalind in Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

Mike and Michele were both elected by the faculty of Central High School to the National Honour Society. Their election to this group was based on character, leadership, service and scholarship.

Central High School is organised for American service and govenment families living abroad. It has a student body of over 600.

Mike has been an active member of the Church all of his life. He was born in Salt Lake City but is now enjoying his second stay in England. He has been president of his various priesthood quorums and at the present time is Age Group Counsellor of the M.I.A. In September Mike will attend a branch of the University of Maryland in London but hopes to be called on a mission when he is of age.

Michele was born in Paris, France, lived in New York City, but now calls England "home" as she has resided here for more than seven years. She is a devoted member of the Church and has served as a teacher and chorister in the Junior Sunday School. Michele left England in July to return to the States to attend Brigham Young University.

The Millennial Star salutes Mike and Michele. They are a credit to their families, their country and their Church

Blessings

Our Father gave us eyes,
To see the things He made.

He gave us a nose to smell
The perfume of the flowers.

He gave us ears to hear
The wonderful Gospel words.

He gave us a mouth
To eat food to make us strong.

All these things He made for us
Because He loves us so.

Wendy Crawford, Age 11 years
Cavehill Branch,
Belfast,
N. Ireland



John Cook, Liverpool, with his painting accepted by the Royal Academy.
(Photograph courtesy Oldham Chronicle.)

Young L D S Artist's Work Accepted By Royal Academy

★ It was an exciting day for John Cook, 19 year-old artist at the Kaskenmoor Schools, Hollinwood, when he received the news that one of his paintings had been accepted by the Royal Academy.

The painting, a seascape, had been presented to Mr. Leslie Hale, M.P., at the school's speech day earlier in the year.

Mr. Hale showed the picture to Mr. James Fitton, a member of the Royal Academy, who suggested that it be submitted to the Academy for consideration. The painting was accepted and now hangs in the Royal Academy of Art.

John is the third son of the late John Cook, the Lancastrian genealogist. His mother, Doris, is also a genealogist and researcher.

John is now studying for his 'A' levels prior to entering the Manchester College of Art. He is a priest and secretary of the Y.M.M.I.A. Oldham/Ashton Ward in Lancashire.

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Impetus Given Seminary Programme By Leader

THERE IS STILL TIME—ENROLL TODAY
See Your Bishop or Branch President

★ The Saints in Great Britain were brought into the picture of the great educational programme of the Church recently when Dr. William E. Berrett, administrator of Seminaries and Institutes visited in London. Dr. Berrett, was on the last phase of his globe-circling tour, along with Sis. Berrett, to give added emphasis to the importance of every youth, 14-18 enrolling in the Seminary programme.



Sister Ann Hunt, teacher, South London Ward, discusses Seminary with James R. Moss, supervisor.

He met with the brethren recently appointed to expand the Seminary Programme in the British Isles, stake and mission presidents, bishops, etc.) The four assigned to introduce this programme beginning in September are:

John M. Madsen, Division Coordinator in England and Wales; J. Wesley Christensen, Division Coordinator of Seminaries in the Scotland-Ireland District; David P. Parkinson and James R. Moss as home study supervisors.

Dr. Berrett disclosed that in 1969 the Church was maintaining 254 full-time seminaries and approximately 2,500 part-time seminaries, with more than 120,000 students in secondary school receiving daily religious instruction in all of the states of the United States, six provinces of Canada, in Mexico, Guatemala. and at U.S. military bases in many parts of the world.



Talking Seminary, from left, Pres. Belnap, Pres. Child, Pres. Hamstead, Dr. Berrett, Bro. Moss, Bro. Madsen.

There are 80 full-time and 180 part-time institutes of Religion adjacent to as many universities and colleges serving the religious needs of 40,000 Mormon students as they attend other than Church institutions of higher learning,

The Church aslo maintains a system of 31 elementary schools and secondary schools in the Republic of Mexico in addition to the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah; LDS Business College in Salt Lake City; Ricks College at Rexburgh, Idaho and the Church College at Hawaii at Laie.

The Church operates the largest and most modern school in the Tongan Is-



Sister Margo Payne, Croydon Branch, talks about Seminary with John M. Madsen, supervisor. In background, Pres. Donald Hemingway of London Stake presidency.

lands, Liahona High School and nine elementary side schools which enroll more than 1,500 students.

The four-year high school Church College of New Zealand, dedicated in 1958, now enrolls 850 students.

Four schools are also located in the American and Western Samoan Islands The Mapusaga High School in American Samoa, dedicated in 1960, has 365 students enrolled. The first adult education programme in these islands began in 1963 with 80 graduating from a starting class of 250. The adult programme was sponsored by the government and the Church school staff taught the classes.

Western Samoa has three schools, the largest at Psega near Apia, the capital city, with 1,400 students enrolled.

A multi-million dollar school plant houses the fast growing Church College of Hawaii, founded by the Church in 1955 and dedicated by President David O. McKay in 1959. Students attend from the Far East, New Zealand, Tahiti, Hawaii, mainland United States, and many of the South Pacific islands. Enrollment in 1967 was 1,036 students.

The Papeete Primary School in Tahiti dedicated in 1964 has 479 students.

In 1964 a new programme of education under the direction of the Church the "Association Mormon Educationaly Cultural" was begun in Chile in South America and now has three elementary schools operating in the Santiago area with 377 students enrolled.

Dr. Berrett disclosed that total enrollment in all of these institutions is 200,000,plus BYU with another 22,000.

He said the Seminary Home Study programme will begin in Great Britain in September as a result of the fine response to the early morning programme introduced this past year. Tried first in several stakes and missions in America, the home study programme is readily accepted and can be used where there may be only a few students and where transportation is a major problem.

He explained students are given lesson materials for a week, in advance. They may work them as fast or as slow as they wish. Once a week they are to meet with the teacher and once a month a whole stake, or a large portion of a mission will get together (usually on a Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, with the Seminary supervisor) and after lunch they meet for two hours of sports and recreation directed by the MIA. While these activities go on with the students the faculty members meet with the Seminary supervisor.

Dr. Berrett said considerable study was made into the programme before

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Distinguished Couple Serve Missions In British South

★ Recently called as missionaries to the British South Mission and assigned presently to the Slough Branch are Bro. and Sis. Robert W. Stewart of Hollywood, Calif.

Sis. Ora Pate Stewart is a descendant of converts from Burnley, England (on her father's side) 1840 and her mother's side from Northampton, both handcart pioneers.

She is an authoress of great note and has won numerous national and international awards for her writing, poetry, musical compositions and public speaking. Cherished among these are the Distinguished Service Award, BYU, 1967; ASCAP, 1967; National First place (four time) National League of American Pen Women; Gold Medal from International Poetry Shrine, 1969; World Poetry, 1969 (India) United



Elder Robert Wilson Stewart and Sister Ora Pate Stewart, with her family genealogy record.

International Poets Laureate, 1969 and is included in 20 different Who's Who, three of which are published in London.

The authoress of 22 books, she has also written 17 songs, numerous radio and motion picture scripts.

Her song, "To A Child" has been adopted as the national official song of The American Mothers of the Year (New York). An English printing of the song has been delivered to Deseret Enterprises in Mitcham. Demand for this song is world-wide.

Church books having received widest circulation include: A Letter To My Daughter, A Letter To My Son, God Planted a Tree, 19th edition; Branches Over the Wall, We Believe, From Where I Stood, and the timely Dear Land Of Home.

Sis. Stewart served a mission in the Eastern States, 1931-34 and was married to Robert Stewart in 1935 (Logan Temple). They have seven sons and daughters the youngest, Wendell, is awaiting his mission call this fall; and 11 grandchildren.

She has served on stake boards of the auxiliaries and taught Gospel Doctrine class for 35 years. At the time of her call to the British South Mission she was stake president of the YWMIA and president of the Hollywood Branch of National League of American Pen Women, and slated as California State president of Pen Women in 1970-72.

With the National Artist and Lecture Service since 1953, Sis. Stewart has been one of the most popular programme speakers in America. While in Great Britain she is willing to do free programmes of inspiration, humour and uplift, wherever she is asked —with permission from the mission president. These programmes are top level entertainment and entirely in keeping with missionary service.

Elder Stewart has also distinguished himself. He attended the University of Utah and at an early age joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. A career officer, he rose to the rank of full colonel and during World War II commanded bases in North Africa, Italy and Guam. While in the service he graduated from the University of Michigan.

In the Church he has served as Scoutmaster, Explorer leader, stake YMMIA board, branch president, secretary to the High Priest Quorum, and most recently was Ward Sunday School superintendent. He also served as a high councilman.

Bro. Stewart achieved fame as a command pilot, stunt pilot and a test pilot.

Wards and branches may be in touch with the Stewarts at 5 Wheatlands Road, Langley, Slough.

NEWS

GLASGOW STAKE

★ Ethel Cordelia Scott Hosie who joined the Church in 1895, was a proud woman as she assisted Bishop John Thomson to turn the first spade of earth for the long awaited chapel at the Springboig Ward on June 30th. The ceremony was witnessed by Stake Pres. David M. Porch, his counsellors, and over 100 members. Following a hymn and prayer, brief talks were given by the Bishop, Stake Pres, Horace Foote, Supervisor of Construction, and Janet Finlay.

The ground was purchased about 5 years ago, but building permission was



Bishop John Thomson and Sister Hosie break ground for Springboig Chapel.

not granted until the saints appealed to the Scottish Secretary of State, Mr. W. Ross, who gave sanction immediately. Construction will begin at once, and should be completed in less than a year.

SCOTTISH SEXTETTE DANCE AT JUNE CONFERENCE

★ Four young ladies and two young men represented Glasgow Stake in the M.I.A. Dance Festival at Salt Lake City on June 27/28th. They were Deidre Crawford, Evelyn Gilchrist, Janet Patterson, Margaret Stevenson, Gary Boyle and Andrew Kirk.

This is the first experience for young people from the stake to participate in a June Conference Festival. Their speciality numbers were Scottish Highland Dances and the young men were dressed in kilts and the young ladies wore white dresses with tartan sashes.

BRITISH MISSION

★ The CHELMSFORD Branch Sunday School had a day outing to Lowestoft on June 21st. Eighteen adults and 16 children left the chapel at 8 a.m. for what was to be a very enjoyable day. The weather was sunny but very windy and the brethren kept warm by playing beach cricket. Most of the children and two of the men braved the cold sea.

The sisters and their husbands were in full attendance at the Relief Society closing social on June 28th, when a chicken salad dinner was served. After dinner, fun and games were organised by President Elizabeth Jest, and everyone had a very good time.

Friday July 11th was the turn of the M.I.A. to hold a fund raising social. The theme was American Independence day and the American Mormons from the U.S. Airbase at Weathersfield were invited to attend. A surprise visit was made by the new British Mission President, Dean S. Belnap and his wife. Essex District Pres. Harold Hunt was compere for the evening and games included Pass the Parcel, Here come the Indians, which had everyone on the run, and Musical Chairs. As it was also Pres. Hunt's birthday, he was presented with an iced cake from the branch members and crowned "King of Mirth"; he certainly lives up to his title.

A total of £10 was collected to be used to help finance the cost of fares to the convention in September.

★ The 2nd Gorleston Sea Scouts have recently been formed, attached to GORLESTON Branch. They held a Jumble Sale on June 28th and raised £15 towards camping equipment.

★ In the NORWICH District Sports positions were as follows: Norwich first, Gorleston second, and Lowestoft third.



From left, Lani Moe, Rose Moe, John Perry (Southport Branch) Naniloa Moe and Tau Moe. (Photograph courtesy Southport Visiter.)

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ A short time ago, many members of the SOUTHPORT Branch welcomed and enjoyed the entertaining act put on by the Tau Moe Family from Hawaii.

The entertainers Tau Moe, his wife Rose, son Lani, and daughter Naniloa, are all Mormons. This famous foursome are appearing at many of the world's top entertainment centres with an act full of colour, excitement, entertainment and most of all pure talent.

Tau Moe and his family always set an example by keeping the high standards required of Mormons. Many of their friends in show business, when appearing on the same bill, try to give up smoking and drinking during the time that they are appearing together, showing the respect they have for this warm, friendly and most happy family.

GOLF TEAM FROM B.Y.U. VISIT SOUTHPORT BRANCH

★ At a recent Sunday morning Priest-Branch, the local members were agreeably surprised and pleased when seven smartly dressed visitors turned up to swell their ranks, and later take an active and interesting part in the



BYU Golf team include Lane Bennett, Jack Chapman, Chip Garriss, Rusty Guernsey, Don Hawken and Ray Leach, and their coach Karl Tucker.



Liverpool District Relief Society on their outing to Tatton Park.

lesson discussion. They were members of the Brigham Young University Golf team who had come over to this country with their coach, Karl Tucker, to play matches against English and Scottish University teams.

While in Southport they played in the British Universities Sports Federation Golf Championships as the only guest team to be invited. They put up a very good show to finish in third place, the blustery weather conditions having an adverse effect on the visitors.

Coach Tucker however was very pleased with the progress being made by the team, having played and won three matches prior to visiting Southport. Karl, a well-known golfer in his own right, has been a coach at B.Y.U. for the past eight years. In addition to teaching golf, he is also the university's ski-ing instructor, so he is kept extremely busy all the year round.

After their match at Southport, the team took the opportunity to travel further up the coast to Lytham to watch another Mormon golfer, the famous Billy Casper, compete in the British Open Golf Championship, caddied by John Allen, a member of the Southport Branch.

★ SCUNTHORPE Branch planned their Fathers and Sons camp for weeks in advance, but deterioration in the weather brought some apprehension for many, but not for 2nd Couns. Bill Hadley, whose faith was strong enough to ward off any inclement elements. The day dawned at last with heavy rain showers and cool winds, but at the time of departure at 6 p.m.

a clear sky and warm sun gladdened the hearts of everyone. The camping ground was in a partly worked out sand quarry reverting back to nature. A little exploring, a quick meal and a rousing sing-song around a blazing camp-fire to the accompaniment of Bill Collier's mouth organ, brought the end of the day.

The boys were up at 5 a.m. the next morning, anxious that their dads should get up too, but it took the arrival of the WORKSOP branch contingent, who proceeded to let the tents down, to get some of the men out of bed. Breakfast in the sunshine was followed by some light games and a spell of sand cliff climbing. Then they tried to follow some bird and animal tracks and this led to a ramble, exploring bushy and boggy country. Back at the camp a baseball game was organised, which provided a lot of fun. Lunch was followed by a few hours of steady rain, but they remained undaunted and either dozed, listened to the radio - or played indoor games. The weather cleared before they broke camp and left the Worksop boys to spend their night in the wilderness.

★ On June 10th another Folk Evening was held in LIVERPOOL, and proved even more successful than the first. One hundred twenty-five people attended and they were entertained with guitar playing, singing and dancing by the Southport Swords, aided by "the Whistling". Light refreshments were served and the success of the evening was due to Ron Joynson, John Miller, and Alan Duval.

★ The LIVERPOOL District M.I.A. Dance Festival was held at the District Centre on June 14th. The decorations were quite exotic, ladies in crinolines, made from thousands of small white paper flowers, were attached to the walls by Ann Beare, and it was truly a beautiful sight. The festival featured a display of folk dancing by Liverpool, St. Helens, and Warrington branches. A ballroom dancing competition was won by Bro. and Sis. Watson of Southport, and Peter and Phyllis Gibson of Liverpool jointly for the quickstep, by Tom Starr and Beryl Brown for the waltz, and Michael and Yvonne Nugent for the cha cha.

A display of modern ballroom dancing was given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Trainer, and the competition was judged by Miss Vernon Johnson of the Vernon Johnson School of Dance, a most unenviable task, which she survived most gracefully and then taught everyone the Harlem Shuffle.

★ The District Sports Day was held on June 21st, and the Shield was won by Liverpool; again by sheer weight of support and purpose, unfortunately

only four of the ten branches sent in any competition but those who participated enjoyed themselves.

★ In place of a closing social, the CROSBY Relief Society decided to see the delightful musical film "Oliver". Seven sisters attended. The evening ended at 10.45 p.m. as they departed in various directions to catch their buses for home.

★ On June 21st the LIVERPOOL District Relief Society organised a coach trip to Tatton Park near Knutsford. Altogether 16 sisters attended and they arrived at the park about 1 p.m. After a picnic lunch in the grounds they went on a tour of the beautiful old house. Formerly the home of the Egerton Family, the furnishings, paintings and books are still as they used to be many years ago.

Among the family treasures are paintings by Canaletto and other famous painters, and the library contains many antique books. There was also a collection of Delft china, and in the hallway, some really old fashioned leather fire buckets. The kitchen contained a roasting spit and brass moulds for the various dishes of the day.

From the house they went into the Museum and saw two old fire engines originally drawn by horses, and a state coach used by the family at a coronation. After examining the display cases and curiosities the sisters went for a walk in the beautiful gardens and park which surrounded the house. They cover 60 acres and include an Orangery, which has growing in it oranges, lemons, bananas and exotic plants. Also a New Zealand Fernery, which trees are said to have been brought to England in 1818, and a Japanese garden, with a Shinto temple on an island set in the Golden Brook. Roaming freely over the parkland are herds of sheep and cattle.

After admiring all these wonders the sisters had their photograph taken by the bus driver, and then started on their journey for home, after a rather tiring but enjoyable day.

★ A Play, plus a Bring and Buy Sale, was planned by the ECCLES Branch on July 4th to help support two Missionaries from the Preston District.

The M.I.A. members staged the play entitled "When the Roses Bloom Again", which had gained them 3rd place in the District Speech and Drama Festival at Rawtenstall; it was a great success.Then followed the offical opening of the Bring and Buy Sale by Elizabeth Noham. Later on Maurice Noham sold cakes that the sisters had made and raised £9. Proceeds from the whole evening totalled £15 - 10s - 0d., a praiseworthy effort.

★ On July 5th a Farewell Party was held in the Cultural Hall at Carlisle, for Ruth and Stewart Irvine and their two small sons, David and Howard, prior to their emigrating to Toronto, Canada. After a lovely supper prepared by Jean Harrison and Catherine Willia-

mson, the rest of the evening was spent in dancing and games arranged by Evelyn Mole.

A silver cake dish was presented to Bro. and Sis. Irvine by Pres. Gerald Ramsbottom, and David received a beautiful Bible from the Primary. Over the past few years, Bro. Irving has served as 1st counsellor in the Branch Presidency, and as Branch clerk. At the time of his release he was Supervisor. Sister Irving has served as a counsellor in the District and President in the Branch Relief Society for a number of years, and was M.I.A. President for a short while before her departure. Everyone wishes them success and happines in their new life.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ On June 14th sisters of the HYDE Ward held a sale of work and Garden Party at the home of Sister Hulme. Stake Relief Society Pres. Doreen Preston opened the affair watched by about 60 members and friends.

The day began by being pleasant and warm, and this was partly responsible for the good attendance. Unfortunately the weather changed towards the end of the afternoon, but not before £38 had been raised, £18 was retained for the Relief Society funds and £20 donated to the Ward Building Fund, which now stands at £1,000.

Hyde Ward has a small Relief Society with an average attendance of 10, and the success of this event was due to forward planning and the unselfish support given by the sisters.

★ Robert I. Preston, eldest son of Bishop and Sister Preston of Ashton/Oldham Ward, has successfully graduated from Liverpool University, and has obtained an Honours Degree in Civil Engineering.

He is 21 years of age and an Elder in the Church and is engaged to Patricia Garniss of Ashton So it is congratulations all round for Robert.

★ A most enjoyable Car Rally and Treasure Hunt was held by the ASHTON/OLDHAM Ward, in the Peak District of Eyam and Edale on June 28th. The weather was glorious and all felt that it was a very enjoyable way of spending a pleasant Saturday afternoon. The rally was planned by Robert Preston and Patricia Garniss, and some of the clues provided a very good talking point for the rest of the weekend.

The successful entrants were Albert Evans and his family, who had Jacqueline Garniss as their navigator. They received their prize at a dance in the evening in the Cultural hall, where Julian Leah acted as Master of Ceremonies.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ After a fortnight's frenzied preparation period of renovation and redecoration, Sunday 8th was a red-letter day for the HEREFORD Branch, as that

was the date the first meetings were held in their recently purchased meeting house.

A combined Sacrament/Thanksgiving service almost caused the building to be filled to overflowing. Myra Burton and Audrey Prosser spoke on behalf of the sisters of the branch, the missionary elders spoke on the advantages the new building had in introducing investigators to the Church.

Ken Gorman, who was instrumental in supervising the work on the building, thanked everyone for their efforts in having the building ready on time, and Mission Pres. and Sister George I. Cannon were guest speakers. Musical numbers were provided by the Primary children, the Singing Mothers' Chorus, and the M.I.A. Choir. Mary Gorman was the pianist and Julie Prosser the Choirister for the meeting which was conducted by Pres. George Burton.

On behalf of the branch, Pres. and Sister Cannon were presented with a tapestry depicting the River Wye flow ing past the Hereford Cathedral. The presentation was made, and the tapestry worked, by Audrey Prosser. Pres. Cannon then gave to the branch a beautiful Quadruple Combination on behalf of the Mission Presidency.

★ On June 21st NORTHAMPTON Branch held its Annual Spring Fair. in the Cultural hall. There were brightly coloured stalls all around selling cakes, clothes, toys, skirts, tinned foods and white elephants. There were also amusements such as darts and other side shows. The fair was a success and £35 was made for the Branch Budget.

★ Over 90 Fathers and Sons from the Mission gathered at Lathkill Dale, Nr. Bakewell, Derbyshire on June 13th for their annual weekend camp. Throughout the afternoon and evening cars were arriving and men and boys were busy pitching tents. Later in the evening a campfire was started and a sing-song followed by a supper of sausage and rolls with hot chocolate.

Saturday morning following breakfast the whole party journeyed over to Castleton, where a visit was paid to the Treak Cavern, where "Blue John" is mined. The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring Lathkill Dale and playing games. Later in the evening a banquet was held, followed by entertainment presented by each district.

On the Sunday morning a testimony meeting was held before breakfast, and after the meal a Priesthood meeting was held where the members of the Rugby Branch presented a short dramatization of the first missionaries to arrive in England. This was followed by speakers from each district, and talks from Bro. Porter, the Aaronic Priesthood Advisor for the Mission, and President George I. Cannon.

The party then ate a light lunch and prepared to depart after enjoying a wonderful camping week-end.

HEREFORD BRANCH

★ On a brilliantly sunny day, seventeen children and three of their teachers boarded the bus to take them on their Primary picnic, their destination



Central British Mission Father and Sons camp at Lathkill Dale.

being the British Camp, situated on the Malvern Hills. On arrival, the children proceeded in Indian file, each carrying some of the food needed for their picnic.

They scaled the hills until they reached a somewhat flat plateau which they made the final ascent to the top of the hill, known as the Herefordshire Beacon. On completing their task, they admired the view from the height of 1,150 feet above sea level.

When they returned to the main party, another game was organised while the young male members of the party went off on a short ramble. Afterwards everyone sat down and enjoyed the refreshments provided by Audrey Prosser and Myra Burton. To enable the food to be properly digested a rest period was decided upon, and during this time they were joined by the Midlands West District M.I.A. who were partaking in a ramble.

Time to re-board the coach came all too quickly, and the party arrived back in Hereford quite safely, but with a few bruised and aching limbs. The outing was organised and supervised by George and Myra Burton and Barbara Hughston

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SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ Saturday June 28th was a sunny day fortunately for those 60 or so people who went on the BILLINGHAM Ward Sunday School trip to Runswick Bay. Despite the fact that high tide occured at the beginning of the afternoon, the members, especially the children, enjoyed the sea air. Naturally everybody appreciated the free pop and crisps which were handed round.

A Barn Dance was held later on in the Ward Cultural Hall to which all ward members and members from other nearby wards were invited. The hall was decorated with bales of straw and many of the dancers dressed appropriately for the occasion. Refreshments of sausages beans and potatoes were served, followed by trifle and chocolate crunch. The evening was a real success.

★ The Relief Society held a Turkey Dinner and Concert in the NEWCASTLE Ward on June 30th and about 80 saints paid 5/- each to enjoy the evenings events. Carol Pulley inspired the sisters to cook the delicious meal on the premismises when it was feared that it may have been too ambitious to do so, but, as the old saying goes, the proof was in the eating. The Spring Vegetable soup, turkey and stuffing with vegetables, followed by a mouth-watering ice-cream pie, was evidence enough of first class fare.

The entertainment after the meal was compered by Jerral Pully, and he introduced various items, including a brother from Blyth, who delighted the audience with his selection of tunes on the Scottish bagpipes as he strode the stage in his full tartan regalia. Evelyn Wigham, Heather Bateman and Angela Selkirk were in fine voice as they sang, and Angela also sang a solo. Shake-

speare would have frowned if he had seen the ward's presentation of "Macbeth", but he would have agreed that it was a laughter tonic as the cast combined ancient dialogue with modern vernacular. Bill Maudlin, as Macbeth, received special applause for the way he was able to cope with a long and difficult script. Dick For, or "Ricardo", as he is known, provided a top class performance of magic which fascinated both young and old alike. Dick, a member of the Sunderland Ward, was a recent guest at Northumberland College of Education, Ponteland, when he entertained a number of school children at a week-end camp for under-privileged youngsters.

★ A Farewell Party was held on Thursday July 10th for Patricia Standing, who left the Ward three days later to join her family in Leeds. Pat has served well as an assistant in the Y.W.M.I.A. and after Bishop Curryer had presented her with a farewell gift, Trudi Cooper paid tribute to her sterling qualities as a Latter-dy Saint.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ A Visiting Teachers Seminar was held at Hartley Chapel on June 14th, where presentations were made to Sister Mitchell of Bideford Branch, for 100% visiting, and to Plymouth Branch for reactivating the most members during the previous six months.

★ On June 21st the PLYMOUTH Branch Relief Society held a Summer Fair at Hartley, and the glorious sunshine encouraged many more people to attend than had been expected.

Geoffrey Reeson, who was a counselor in the Plymouth Branch Presidency, emigrated to America on July 26th. His wife Violet, who is a Mision Relief Society Counselor, and their three children are due to follow him in September.



Plymouth District Relief Society presidency, from left, Margaret Marshall, 2c; Jean Knowles, 1c; Ann Benton-Coleman, sec.; and Pres. Sylvia Blott, seated.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ Nine Wards and Branches took part in the Stake Music Festival on June 7th which was organised by Barbara Waldrom, Stake Music Director, and

compered by Jean M. Taverner of Leicester.

The standard of entries was much higher than in previous years, and from 60 competitors judges Mabel Hill of Eastweed, Joyce Hammond of Hucknall and Michael Johnson, visiting from Southampton, chose the following winners

Y.M. Solo. George Stephenson, Eastwood. Y.W. Solo. Margaret Bowcutt. Loughborough. Duet Lynda McCahon and Cathy Smith, Birmingham. Trio Annette Green, Margaret Palmer and Jim Bakewell, Leicester. Choral. Walsall Branch. Instrumental. Gordon Keyte Birmingham. Instrument and Vocal. David Mace and Gordon Keyte, Birmingham. Quartet. Leicester Ward.

Whilst waiting for the results the Leicester Ward Trio led the 150 strong audience in a round and entertained with a song. The results were then announced, and the certificates will be presented at the next Leadership meeting.

★ When BIRMINGHAM Ward M.I.A. held their closing social on July 22nd, they invited the Woodsetton Ward and Walsall Branch to join them. The theme was a "Flower Dance" and the hall was decorated with colourful paper streamers and flowers. Everyone entered into the spirit by wearing floral fancy dress or other appropriate outfits.

Credit for the enjoyable medley of dance during the evening was due to John Bond of Woodsetton, while Lynda Keytes and Maureen Cuthbert from Birmingham were responsible for the much appreciated fruit punch and refreshments. Everyone agreed that the joint activity was great fun so on the following Tsursday Woodsetton returned the hospitality by inviting the Birmingham M.I.A. to a Sports evening of Volleyball, basketball and five-a-side football.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ John Wilde, Stevenston Branch, received confirmation of Examination results on June 17th. This gives him his Master Butcher's Diploma, which is a remarkable achievement as he has not fully completed his apprenticeship. Congratulations John.

★ On July 11th, GREENOCK Relief Society sponsored an Italian Night for the Building Fund. Spaghetti and meat balls, drinks and biscuits were served after which there was entertainment in the form of "Black-outs" and the singing of Folk songs.

★ Massed pipe bands, a Barbecue and a fireworks display provided a Grand Finale for Aberdeen's Festival Fortnight, and competition for the Aberdeen Branch Relief Society Jumble Sale. The sisters however felt that they did quite well as they took over £14.

★ On July 10th, the Relief Society Sisters of the Aberdeen Branch held a Wedding Shower for Lily Ann Bruce. Relief Society Pres. Frances Dunlop and Moira Kemp who both come from

New Zealand suggested the party, as it is a custom in both New Zealand and America. Each sister gave the bride a small gift for use in her kitchen, such as a butter dish, can-opener pastry cutters, kitchen towels etc. Then they all enjoyed a snack of sausage rolls made by Peggy Albiston and a sweet called Pavlova made by Pres. Dunlop, and other delicious goodies. Fun and games followed and everyone had a most enjoyable evening. The Branch presented the future bride with a Sheep Skin rug and a box of kitchen towels.

★ At the Cheltenham Festival of Arts, Nicola C. Chapman of the Worcester Branch, Central British Mission, gained first place for Greek Dancing solo in the 6 to 8 years age group, obtaining a Silver medal with a certificate of distinction in the same class. Remarks on her certificate stated that the use of her arms and hands were beautiful and rythmical. She also received a certificate of merit for dancing a ballet solo.

Nichola's mother is kept busy sewing the many dance costumes that she has. In the photograph she is wearing an Orange Leotard with pale orange, lemon and white chiffon with gold braid in her portrayal of a Grecian dance. "Sunrise".



Nicola Chapman promising young dancer.

Four Generations Join Church

★ This is the story of every missionary's dream and it began last year in Greenock. Scotland, when May Fielding and her 14 year old daughter Elaine noticed a large picture of Moroni while they were on holiday there.

The picture just seemed to stand out in front of them, and they stopped to admire it. A voice from behind them asked if they were interested in the picture, and if they would like to know about it. After learning about Moroni, they filled out a card giving their name and address in Halesowen, Worcestershire, and then went on their way.

A few weeks later the referral card was received in the Central British Mission and Elders Drew S. Hamilton and Kenneth G. Bills contacted the family and made an appointment. At first it seemed that only Elaine was interested, as Mr. Fielding was out and Mrs. Fielding sat there knitting, but before the discussion was over she was listening intently and the knitting lying idly in her lap. She invited them to return and stated that although her husband was not religiously minded, he would probably come to the next meeting.

The elders presented "The Trial of the Stick of Joseph" by Jack West, (slides and tape) to the Fieldings at their next meeting. Imagine their surprise and delight to find that Elaine had invited some of her school friends to watch also. Everyone was impressed with the film and gained a strong desire to read the Book of Mormon.

ANOTHER INTERESTED

A few days later while tracting in another part of the town the missionaries met a Mr. Young, who asked if they were the Mormons teaching the Fielding family at Bournes Hill? When they said "Yes", he told them that he was Mrs. Fieldings father, and how when they had visited them a few days before all they could talk about was the film they'd seen, and the Book of Mormon. He also stated that his wife was planning to attend Church with them the following Sunday.

It was disappointing when none of them arrived at the Church, but it was due to genuine illness and accident, and not because of disinterest as the elders feared. At the next meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Young were also present and as the discussion advanced, it seemed as though the two families were giving the lesson themselves and getting all the right answers.

They had a little trouble with the



Four generations join Church in Central British Mission. From left, Constance Young, Peter C. Young, James L. Fielding (their son-in-law) May P. Fielding (their daughter), baby Cheryl Powell, (great-granddaughter) Linda Powell (granddaughter) Vincent S. Powell (her husband) Elaine Fielding (girl missionaries contacted) Steven Fielding, Elders Bills and Hamilton.

Word of Wisdom, as Mr. Fielding was a heavy smoker, but Elaine was determined that they were all going to live it. She had another friend at this discussion, Jasmin Beatrup, and Jasmin was trying to get her mother interested too. The fact that Mr. Fielding was eventually able to give up smoking and drinking made a great impression on his parents-in-law, and they requested meetings in their own home.

After many worrying moments over various problems, the elders finally fixed a date for baptising the Fielding family, and also made arrangements to start teaching their eldest daughter and her husband, Linda and Vince Powell.

At first they were sceptical about the Church and tried to persuade their parents not to be baptised, but their attitude changed slightly and they attended the baptismal service on Nov. 15th 1968, when Bro. and Sis. Fielding,

Elaine and their young son Stephen were baptised along with two of Elaines friends, Jasmin Beatrup and Carol Smith.

MORE BAPTISMS

Two weeks later the Youngs arranged for their baptism, and in the meantime Linda and Vince had been having discussions and were anxious to be baptised as soon as possible. The Youngs felt it would be wonderful to be baptised at the same time as their granddaughter, and so they changed their date from Nov. 24th to Nov. 29th to make this possible. Even then there were many problems. Sister Young was suffering from bronchitis and her husband has only half of one lung and an enlarged heart, also a broken back which is in a brace. The brace had to be removed before he entered the water. However they showed their tremendous faith and were determined to overcome these difficulties.

Since their baptisms they have all tried to interest their friends and neighbours in the Church. Brother Young even went into his local pub, and told his old friends to put down their drinks and serve the Lord.

The elders who taught the three families said that they felt the Spirit of the Lord more in these meetings than they had ever felt it before, and they know that the others felt it too.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ To Kenneth and Mary Gorman, Hereford Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Amanda.

★ June 3rd—To Craig and Kathryn Penney, Ashton/Oldham Ward, Manchester Stake, a son, Daniel Luke.

★ June 5th—To Keith and Margaret Blackwell, Gorleston Branch, British Mission, a daughter, Lorraine.

★ June 10th—To George and Edna Rochalle, Hartlepool Ward, Sunderland Stake, a son, Sean.

★ June 16th To Boris and Elizabeth Roberts, Warrington Branch, North British Mission, a son, Charles Matthew.

★ June 27th—To Allan and Anne Ingram, Billingham Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Maureen.

★ July 6th—To Douglas and Valerie Watling, Chelmsford Branch, British Mission, a son, Geoffrey Spencer.

MARRIAGES

★ On July 12th the wedding took place in the Aberdeen Chapel of Alistair William Pringle Rae and Lily Ann Bruce. The ceremony was conducted by Branch Pres. Alistair Smith. Mrs. Hazel Milne, the brides twin sister, was

Matron of Honour. The bridesmaids were Caroline Taylor, brides niece and Lynn Parle, a friend. Alistair Parle acted as bestman.

The bride wore a long white chiffon dress with a train and a three tier veil edged with lace, she carried a bouquet of lily of the valley, pale cream roses and friesia. The bridesmaids dresses were of gold Milano satin and they carried posies of flowers.

The groom is a L/Cpl serving with the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders Military Band in Minden, Germany. The couple will make their home in Germany. During the ceremony, at the request of the bride, Marcella McRae sang a solo, "The Holy City" to the 100 guests and members who were in attendance. They spent their honeymoon at the London Temple before leaving for Germany.

★ Carol Matilda Cuming became the bride of William James McBride at the Holywood Road Chapel in Ireland on June 7, 1969. District Pres. John J. Owens performed the ceremony.

The bride and groom greeted friends Mrs. I. Leslie and Miss Zetta McBride, sister of the groom. Mervyn McBride brother of the groom was best man.

The bride and groom greated friends in the Cultural Hall after the ceremony and later were served a lovely dinner prepared by Doris Owens and Harriet Morrow, and served by friends of the bride, also in the Cultural Hall. A short programme and dancing followed.

Bro. & Sis. McBride then traveled to the London Temple where they were sealed for time and eternity, on June 9. They honeymooned for a week in London before returning to Belfast where they are now greeting friends at 19 York Park, Belfast 15.

★ The wedding took place on June 7th in San Diego, California, between Catherine Mary Andrew, formerly of Aberdeen Branch, and Gary Le Roy Greaves. Catherine now works in a bank, and her husband owns a Beauty Shop.



Alistair Rae and Lily Bruce after wedding in Aberdeen Chapel.



Bro. and Sis. William McBride married June 7.



John Hughes and Eileen Walker of Burnley Branch, married at Rawtenstall Chapel.
(Photo courtesy Burnley Express.)



Cathy Andrew and Gary Greaves married in California.

★ "Wisdom is the right application of knowledge; and true education—the education for which the Church stands—is the application of knowledge to the development of a noble and a God-like character. . . True education seeks to make men and women not only good mathematicians, proficient linguists, profound scientists, or brilliant literary lights, but also honest men combined with virtue, temperance, and brotherly love—men and women who prize truth, justice, wisdom, benevolence, and self control as the choicest acquisitions of a successful life."

—President David O. McKay

OBITUARY

★ Linda Elizabeth Ann Bryan, of the Hereford Branch, Central British Mission, died on July 22nd after a short illness. Linda had been an active member of the M.I.A. until just over a year ago when she left school and entered the Hairdressing profession. Working during the day she spent several evenings each week at night school to learn the many aspects of her chosen career. With her sixteenth birthday less than a month away, Linda will be greatly missed by the branch members. Deepest sympathy is expressed to her parents Derek and Eileen Bryan.

Ordinations

Elder

John Swan Topen, Dundee Branch, Scottish Mission.
Peter Andrew Smith. Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake.
Heinz Albert Falkenback, Nottingham Ward Leicester Stake.
Leslie John Steele, Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake.
Graham Ernest Conway, Derby Ward, Leicester Stake.
James Sydney Bakewell, Western Park Branch, Leicester Stake.
David John Parker, Western Park Branch, Leicester Stake.
Dick Wilderspin, Leicester Ward, Leicester Stake.
Edward Charles Jukes. Birmingham Ward, Leicester Stake.
David Keith Holman, Basildon Branch, British Mission.
Sidney Farrow, Hayes Branch, British South Mission.
Thomas Allen Moats Conlin, Norwich District, British Mission.
John McLean, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mission.
Jerry Ball, Hamilton Branch, Scottish Mission.
Charles Gayne, Cathkin Branch, Scottish Mission.
Geoffrey Charles Spearman, Gateshead Branch, Sunderland Stake.
Brian Hume, Gateshead Branch, Sunderland Stake.

Exerpts From Earlier Stars

★ "It is 34 years today since I was baptised, and 65 years yesterday since I was born into this world; both of these births happened in the town of Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. It was 35 years on the first day of August last since I began to preach the Gospel and bear testimony to the truth, and in doing so I have crossed the ocean five times, crossed the plains between here and Omaha seven times, and have preached and borne testimony to the Gospel as restored by God through Joseph Smith. in some 235 cities, towns and villages in Great Britain, and in 10 states and territories of America.

"I have met all kinds of opposition from the religious world, and have held 14 public discussions, two with a Campbellite minister, two with an Irvinite preacher, one with a Methodist minister, one with a Calvinistic minister, four with a Baptist minister, three with a Swedenborgian minister in England, and one with a minister of the same church in Scotland, besides replies to lectures and private discussions with those of almost every denomination of Christians.

"Now I am getting to be an old man, and must soon pass away and give an account of the deeds done in the body. Knowing this, I bear testimony before God, angels and men, that I do verily know that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only true Church of God on the earth, that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of the Living God, and that Brigham Young, with whom I am well acquainted, I having been in Utah 21 years, is an upright, just and honourable man, a Prophet of God and His chosen servant.

"After all my experience, this is my testimony."

—William Gibson, Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 5, 1874

Genealogical Special

He Shall Prepare A Way

★ Sister Joan Thorp of the Huddersfield Ward has recently had a thrilling experience which she would like to share, particularly with those who may now express little interest in genealogical research. She writes:

On Christmas Day, 1960, the missionaries came to our home for the first time and taught us the Gospel. My husband, Harry, and I were baptised three months later and the week after, our two children Tony and Eileen.

Of all the Gospel principles that we had been taught, the one that held no appeal for me was Genealogy. A visit from two of the sisters in the ward, however, ended up with me making a family group sheet for my immediate family. I found this to be easy since all the information was available locally and did not incur any travel expense.

I hesitated before making a sheet for my grandparents since I knew that this would be more difficult to complete. A lead came, however, when I was visiting an aunt who suggested that I get in touch with a cousin in London. I had no previous knowledge of this cousin but with my curiosity aroused and having obtained his address from my aunt, I wrote to him and explained the nature of my enquiries. I was more than surprised when he replied shortly to say that he was glad someone was looking into the family tree again and he enclosed four foolscap sheets literally covered with

names and addresses, and births and deaths, that his father had compiled before his death. He said that he hadn't known what to do with them but did not want to throw them away. Hardly suprising, I began to take a keen interest in genealogy!

Next I turned to my mothers line and completed a sheet on which she appears as a child. Last summer this sheet was returned to me stating that she could now be sealed to her father, whose name is Ephraim Hirst. Bro. Hirst stood proxy for him in the sealing.

Some time later when I was putting this sheet into my Book of Remembrance, I noticed that the date of baptism for Ephraim Hirst was down as 1958. This was two years before we had been converted and I concluded that it must either be a mistake or else someone else was working on my direct line. After asking Salt Lake to check on this I received from them a photostatic copy of a sheet where Ephraim appears as a child along with other brothers and sisters of whom I had no knowledge. The whole family had been baptised, endowed and sealed by an Olive B. White of Salt Lake City.

I recently received a letter from Sister White in which she says, "I hired a professional researcher and he has put into families, all the Hirsts around Mirfield and Thornhill, (Yorkshire) along with my parents and grandparents who came from there. Altogether he has gathered hundreds of sheets and many more hundreds of names, and you can be sure Temple work has been done for all of them."

All this must have happened before we had even heard of the Church. Truly did Nephi of old say, ". . . The Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save He shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them."

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Sermons In A Sentence Or Two

By President David O. McKay

Develop Character

One never developes character by yielding to wrong. Strength comes by resisting!

Use Your Power

Nature's law is the survival of the fittest, God's law is: Use your personal power and possessions for the advancement and happiness of others.

A Divine Ordinance

To members of the restored Church, marriage is a divine ordinance and, when directed by intelligent parenthood, the surest and safest means for the improvement of mankind. Marriage is not a ceremony to be entered into lightly, to be terminated at pleasure, nor a union to be dissolved at the first difficulty that might arise.

Preserve The Home

The ability to preserve the home in its purity and usefulness is found in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Centre

God should be the centre of our lives and the lives of all in the world.

Virtues From Within

No outward environment alone can produce manhood. The virtues of life spring from within.

Right Begets Right

Right thoughts and feelings, if consistently kept in the foreground, inevitably lead to right acts.

Keep Soul Clean

The handsomest youth and the most beautiful maiden may mar their beauty by a morose, cross-tempered disposition or by nursing dissatisfacion in the soul.

Unselfishness Need

Man needs a rededication to the principles of unselfishness. No peace or freedom can come to the world as long as men live only for themselves.

Obedience Brings Eternal Life

Obedience to Christ and His laws brings life and life eternal.

Triumph Of Truth

We cannot truly believe that we are the children of God and that God exists without our also believing in the final inevitable triumph of truth expressed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Greatest Need

An active, sincere faith in the basic teachings of Jesus of Nazareth is the greatest need of the world. Because many reject this truth is all the more reason why sincere believers should proclaim it.

Mission of Church

The mission of the Church is to proclaim the truth of the restored Gospel, to uplift society that people may mingle more amicably one with another, and to create in our communities a wholesome environment in which our children may find strength to resist temptation, and encouragement to strive for cultural and spiritual attainment.

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it was adapted because it had to be one that students would take to and on their own initiative complete the course.

He noted that everywhere it has been tried the students really like it and are eager to participate in it. As Church funds and leadership become available it will be taken to other areas, he said.

Dr. Berrett emphasised the concern by Church authorities over the loss of youth and said where there is no Seminary there is a greater loss of youth "The Seminary programme strengthens the youth, gives them a better understanding of the Church and of the Gospel but in such a way of doing it that the youth love it," he said.

He disclosed that 850 full time teachers are teaching Seminary and 2,800 part-time with more than 4,000 teachers in the Church Schools other than the BYU. "The full fruits of the programme come later when these young people marry in the Temple, pay their tithing, and teach their children of the benefits derived from having studied Seminary," he added.

While in London, Dr. Berrett met with stake and missions presidents and the teachers and bishops of the wards in London Stake. Early morning seminary was introduced in the British Isles the past year with good success. However, the transportation being a chief deterrent, it is hoped the home study plan will be participated in by many young people this year.

The course this year will be on Church History using Dr. Berrett's book "The Restored Church" as the text.

Dr Berrett emphasised that the duty and purpose of this programme "is to save our youth." Despite the great programmes of the Church far too many youth are falling by the wayside and greater effort and means must be utilised to rescue and save these youth, he warned.

He said this new programme is effective because youth can gear it to their own circumstances, because they have a systematic plan of daily scripture study and it does bear fruit.

Dr. Berrett related stories of how youth in various places around the globe have sacrificed to enjoy this programme and added,

"We love that for which we sacrifice . . ."

The purpose of this and all great programmes of the Church is to save souls of men, he emphasised.

The meeting in the evening was for the bishops and teachers appointed in the wards and branches of the London Stake who had opportunity of meeting John M. Madsen, division coordinator

in England and Wales of the Seminary programme and James R. Moss, home study supervisor. Bro. Moss will direct the area of the Southwest British Mission, British South and British Missions, plus London Stake.

Bro. Madsen introduced Dr. Berrett and Bro. Moss to the group and briefly told how the Seminary programme had grown in the past year in the British Isles.

Bro. Moss said the recommended one hour study period a day by the students on an individual basis can prepare them for missions, to go through the temple and in all ways better equip them for their years in the Church, thus they become "the strength of the Church." He said "the students themselves will run the programme, we will just supervise."

Young men and women ages 14-18 are highly encouraged to register with their bishopric or branch presidency for the 1969-70 course which begins with the start of school this month (September) and the course of study will be Church History.

See your bishop or branch president today.

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NORTH BRITISH MISSION

By Mary Stewart Mackey, secretary

★ The five branch Relief Societies of the Lake District cooperated to hold a joint district bazaar during the Cumberland Agricultural Show. The bazaar realised £86 - 5 - 5d. before expenses.

There was a wonderful display of work done by all the sisters over the past year with the planning and arranging by Sister Maria Stevenson of Kendal, the district work director for the board. The display was in the form of a blue ship with gold chains and a fishermans net as background following the theme of the Visiting Teaching Conference of last April. Flags were amast and everything "was shipshape" and goods were readied for the visitors.

More than 5,000 persons visited the show during the beautiful sunny day. While all the stalls and displays brought many fine compliments the cake stall was soon emptied of all its goodies.

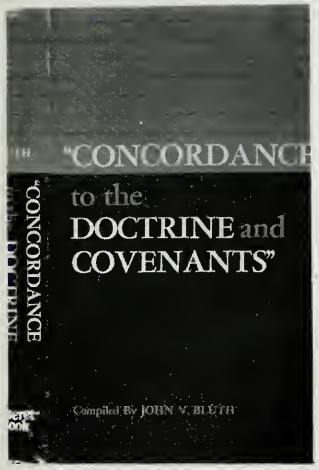
The proselyting missionaries also had an interesting day as they told many about the Gospel message. The similar bazaar last year resulted in at least two persons joining the Church in Carlisle, it has been reported.

Sister Watkins, president of the Lake District Relief Society Board, expressed appreciation to all who had participated and aided in making it such a success. Pres. Lerwell, of the Morecambe and Lancaster Branch, also expressed appreciation to the sisters.

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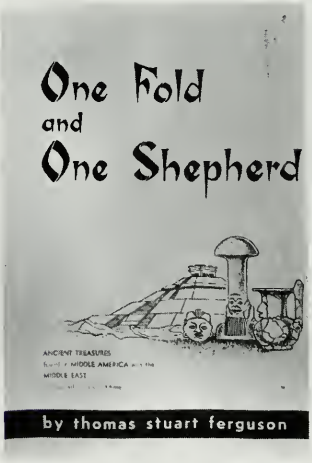
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Office Building

★ Members of the Church everywhere will be pleased to know that work on the proposed new 25-storey Church Office Building in Salt Lake City will begin soon.

The First Presidency has announced that the low bid of $31,396,000 was accepted for construction of the new offices. This was $62,000 lower than the next lowest bid submitted.

The winning bid was submitted as a joint venture by two Utah firms, Christiansen Brothers, Inc., Salt Lake City and W. W. Clyde and Co. of Springville.

President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, announced construction will begin as soon as the contractors have been signed.

The new 25-storey office building, to be the tallest building in Utah, will house Church offices presently scattered in 13 buildings throughout Salt Lake City.

George Cannon Young, architect, designed the new building. He is a grandson of Brigham Young.

The structure will be built on the same block and adjacent to the north of the present Church Administration Building at 47 E. South Temple.

President N. Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency, said the 96-year-old Prophet, President David O. McKay is "looking forward to see the building started and completed."

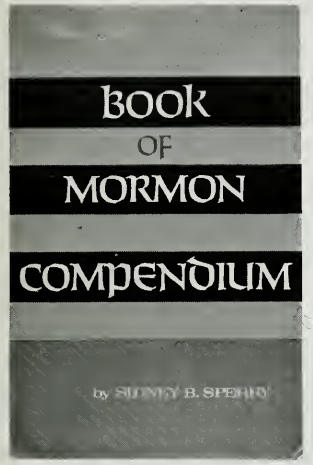
According to Mark B. Garff, chairman of the Church Building Committee, the building is designed for the immediate anl the future needs of the Church. It will be erected under his supervision.

The main front of the building will face south to a landscaped plaza with trees and flowers. Wings four stories high will be constructed to the east and west of the centre high rise tower. The building will be constructed of welded steel, bearing a precast stone front in white quartzite.

★ "There has never been a greater need for spiritual heroism than right now. The courage and mettle of every young man will be tried—every virtue and strength of young womanhood tested."

—Elder Boyd K. Packer

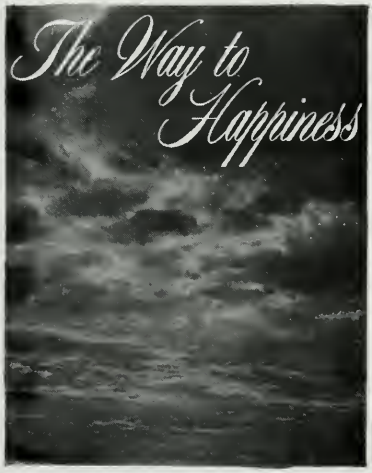
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Cannon Family Mission

★ To take a large family on a Mission is no mean achievement, and many people wondered just how Pres. and Sis. George I. Cannon would manage when they arrived, with their seven children, to look after the Central British Mission in June 1966. They need not have worried for all the Cannons looked upon this as their mission, and the whole family won their way into the hearts of members both in the Mission and in the Leicester Stake.

The children have earned respect and achieved honours in their various schools, and shown their friends and teachers what Mormon family life is like.

Pres. and Sis. Cannon have served quietly and with dignity in building up the Mission. They will be remembered with great affection, for the work they have done, how quickly they put people at their ease, and yet brought out their best qualities and increased their ability to put the Church programme into practice. The Mission motto "Build Strong the Kingdom of God", has been their watchword, and under their guidance the District, Branch and Quorum organisations of the Mission have been greatly strengthened, and the saints in general have been richly blessed.

The Mission Home was always open to welcome the young people for firesides, discussions or advice, in addition to the many leadership meetings and seminars which have been a feature of their administration. Everyone who visited felt the genuine warmth of their love for their fellow men. Three years seem to have flown all too quickly and now they are returning home to Salt Lake , leaving their eldest son George on a Mission in Germany.

Members of the Mission and Stake wish them safe journeyings and happy homecoming, and never will they forget the Cannon family.

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I do not dwell upon your faults, and you shall not upon mine. Charity, which is love, covereth a multitude of sins, and I have often covered up all the faults among you; but the prettiest thing is to have no faults at all. We should cultivate a meek, quiet and peaceable spirit.

—Joseph Smith

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Funeral For Elder Longden Held In Assembly Hall

★ The saints in Great Britain were saddened at the death of Elder John Longdon, Assistant to the Twelve, late in August. He, in company with his lovely companion, Sis. LaRue C. Longden, had spent considerable time in Great Britain earlier in the summer on Church assignments which culminated in his dedicating the beautiful new Visitors' Centre at the London Temple. Funeral services were held in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

His vigorous attitude and strength was felt by all who knew him and everywhere his influence for truth and righteousness made a lasting imression.



Elder John Longden

Having been born in Oldham, Lancashire, he had a great love for his homeland and enjoyed every opportunity repeated visits brought through the years, most of these under Church assignments. He went to Utah when 10 years of age with his parents, who were converts to the Church.

After filling a mission to the Central States he entered the insurance field, later turning to the new refrigeration industry ending in being area manager for a large electrical corporation until retirement in 1960.

His Church assignments have been many including bishop, twice a high councilman, and in 1950 appointed a member of the General Welfare Committee of the Church, followed by his being named an Assistant to the Twelve.

He supervised the missionary programme in various missions in the United States and Canada through the years and most recently was assigned to aid Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve, in this respect in the British Isles, an assignment which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Elder Longden married Frances LaRue Carr in the Salt Lake Temple. He is also survived by three daughters and eight grandchildren.

If Any Will Do His Will

By Elder Spencer W. Kimball

★ In experiences of mortality we sometimes suffer from optical illusions; we hear noises that do not exist; we experience nocturnal adventures quite unreal, and distorted; but in the spiritual realm one can have positive certainty, for the Lord has repeated numerous times the definite promise here expressed:

"If any man will do his will, he shall **know** of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John 7:17. Italics added.)

In courts of law the witness is asked to take an oath that the information he is about to give is "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," and the statements made are called his "testimony." In spiritual matters, we may likewise have a testimony. This sureness of the spiritual is unique and pertains to the realness of a personal God; the continued active life of the Christ, separate from but like His Father; the divinity of the restoration of the organisation and doctrines of God's Church on the earth and the power of the divine, authoritative priesthood given to men, through revelations from God.

These can be known as surely as that the sun shines, by every responsible person, and to fail to attain this knowledge is to admit that one has not paid the price. Like academic degrees it is obtained by intense strivings. That soul who is clean through repentance and the ordinances receives it if he desires and reaches for it, investigates conscientiously, studies, and prays faithfully.

AN OPEN DOOR

A sure knowledge of the spiritual is an open door to rewards attainable and joys unspeakable. To ignore the

testimony is to grope in caves of impenetrable darkness; to creep along in fog over hazardous highways. That person is to be pitied who may still be walking in darkness at noonday, who is tripping over obstacles which can be removed and who dwells in the dim flickering candlelight of insecurity and skepticism.

The testimony is the electric light illuminating the cavern; the wind and sun dissipating the fog; the power equipment removing boulders from the road. It is the mansion on the hill replacing the shack in the marshes; the harvester shelving the sickle and cradle; the tractor, train, automobile, and plane displacing the ox team. It is the rich nourishing kernels of corn instead of the husks in the trough. It is much more than all else, for —

"... this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God. and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (Ibid 17:3.)

Eternal life is the greatest gift. To obtain it is not easy. The price is high.

WHAT IS THE PRICE?

Nicodemus of old inquired the price. The answer perplexed him. Let us interview that good man who came so near and yet evidently missed the mark.

Your name is Nicodemus? You are a member of the powerful sect of the Pharisees? You are a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin? You knew the person from Nazareth called Jesus Christ? You heard His sermons and witnessed His miracles? You looked into His eyes and heard His voice?

You are a good man, Nicodemus, honourable and just, for you will yet defend our Lord before your colleagues, asking He be not condemned without a hearing. You are generous, for you will yet bring one hundred weight of aloes and myrrh to His burial. You have at least some faith, but have you courage enough to face criticism? You are identified as one who came under cover of darkness. In your senatorial seat you and your colleagues have impressive powers, making laws and controlling destinies.

It is night now. You have not been seen. You are addressing our Lord:

"Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." (Ibid., 3:2.)

His ready answer wrinkles your brow. This is the simple total answer to the weightiest of all questions.

"Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (Ibid., 3:3.)



Elder Spencer W. Kimball

BUT, WHAT OF THE GOSPEL

You are well versed in the law, Nicodemmus, but what of the Gospel? To gain eternal life there must be a rebirth, a transformation, and an unburdening self of pride, weakness, and prejudice. You must begin as a little child, clean, teachable. You seem not to understand.

"How can a man be born when he is old?" (Ibid., 3:4.) Your question is strange for a learned man. Must you reduce all to human logic. Must everything be rational to your finite, materialistic mind?

He says:

"Come unto me, and I will give you rest.

"Take my yoke upon you, and . . . ye shall find rest unto your souls." (Matt. 11:28-29.)

He expects you to divest yourself of every foreign thought, act, and inclination, and accept Him and live His plan. And the "rest," which is exaltation, will be your glory.

But you still do not seem to understand, Mr. Pharisee. It it so complex? Are you afraid of what your brother Pharisees may think of you, fearful of losing your exalted place in the Sanhedrin? Or, do you not see? Certainly a little glimpse has been given you. You acknowledged the miracle worker must be sent from God, but the curtain so slightly opened will close again if you do not act upon the new knowledge being offered you.

BLINDED BY TRAINING

You are highly educated, my good man. Many sit at your feet to learn. Does your superior training blind you? Must a prophet or a God be measured in the test tubes of a physical laboratory? Can you not accept anything you cannot prove by the rules of the schools in which you studied?

You are not accepting it. The Lord is postulating again the necessary requirements:

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

That total answer came in one sentence of thirteen small words. You are wondering, weighing, Mr. Rationalizer. You seem impressed, but you are bound. How much you do not realize! Did you expect it in eloquent, impressive words? Is it frustrating in its simplicity? You are rationalizing, Sir. You cannot weigh this on the scales of your secular knowledge and training. They are too crude, mundane. You need finer mechanism.

HE IS PATIENT, KIND

Your question about returning to the mother's womb for rebirth — was it intended as a question, Mr. Intellectual, or to prove your superior logic; or to point out that Christ was irrational; or was it mere perplexity? He knows your professional background and culture and the analytical training you have had. He is so kind and patient. He will explain further in eighty-nine words, sixty-five of which are one-syllable ones:

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (Ibid., 3:5-8.)

How beautiful — how forceful — how positive! Is there excuse to question, to hesitate, to reject? O Nicodemus, this moment of crises cannot last long. You are on a perilous summit. Your decision can mean the difference between exaltation and a deprivation greater than you know. You had a spark of desire. Why did you extinguish it?



Prophecies Of Old Now Being Fulfilled

By Elder LeGrand Richards

★ I want to refer to two prophecies from the Book of Mormon. I quote the words of Moroni:

"For the eternal purposes of the Lord shall roll on, until all his promises shall be fulfilled.

"Search the prophecies of Isaiah . . ." (Mormon 8:22-23.)

Then I read a statement from Nephi: "... in the days that the prophecies of Isaiah shall be fulfilled men shall know of a surety, at the times when they shall come to pass.

"... for I know that they shall be of great worth unto them in the last days; for in that day shall they understand them; wherefore, for their good have I written them." (2 Nephi 25:7-8.)

We are all here today in fulfilment of the words of the prophets, and I love the prophecies of Isaiah because it seems to me that he lived almost more in our day than when he was actually upon the earth, because the Lord gave him to see so many of the things that would transpire in the latter days in the redemption of these valleys and the building of this house of the God of Jacob in the tops of the mountains and the gathering of Israel from all the nations of the earth.

You will recall that when the angel Moroni appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith three times during the night and the next morning, and this was when he was only a young man of eighteen, Moroni quoted from the eleventh chapter of Isaiah and told the Prophet that these things were about to come to pass, and I quote from that chapter the following:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people ...

"And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

"The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim." (Isa. 11:11-13.)



Elder LeGrand Richards

Now we have lived to see the first part of that prediction literally fulfilled. He has gathered Israel into these valleys of the mountains according to his promise He has set up an ensign unto the nations. It seems to me that no thoughtful, honest person could examine what the Lord has done in the establishment of this Church, His kingdom on the earth, and then give any mortal man or group of men the credit for what has been accomplished. It has been the God of heaven that has done this, according to the words of the prophets.

I would like to refer to the second part of this promise, "and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." There is not space here to consider fully what the Lord is doing, according to His promise, in gathering the Jews back to the Holy Land. After two thousand years they now have a nation of their own and it is hoped that with the help of the Lord they can establish it in permanency and fulfil all the words of the prophets.

Then Isaiah says. "The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim." We are from Ephraim. The Lord expects us, since we are the custodians of His Gospel as restored in these latter days, according to my understanding, to extend the hand of friendship to

Judah, because after all we are all descendants of the prophets Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and we come under the promises that through their descendants should all the nations on earth be blessed.

I do not know how the enmity and the envy between Ephraim and Judah can disappear except that we of the house of Ephraim, who have the custody of the Gospel, should lead out in trying to bring to this branch of the house of Israel the blessings of the restored Gospel.

In a revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith on November 3, 1831, the Lord said:

"Send forth the elders of my church unto the nations which are afar off; unto the islands of the sea; send forth unto foreign lands; call upon all nations, first upon the Gentiles, and then upon the Jews" (D & C 133:8.)

You know how literally the Church has fulfilled that command; **the** Gospel is going to nearly every nation under heaven, and now into the Far Eastern countries, to the Japanese and the Chinese and the Koreans and the Filipinos and so forth, and the Lord said that it should go first to the gentiles and then unto the Jews. That is the command which the Lord gave unto the elders of the Church in this day.

Then the Lord says:

"And they also of the tribe of Judah, after their pain shall be sanctified in holiness before the Lord, to dwell in his presence day and night, forever and ever." (Ibid., 133:35.)

And it seems to me that the only way that the tribe of Judah can be sanctified to dwell in His presence forever and ever will be when we bring to them the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour promised them it would be brought in the latter days.

I quote again the words of the Lord to the Prophet Joseph in 1833:

"Therefore, renounce war and proclaim peace, and seek diligently to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers, and the hearts of the fathers to the children;

"And again, the hearts of the Jews unto the prophets, and the prophets unto the Jews; lest I come and smite the whole earth with a curse, and all flesh be consumed before me." (Ibid., 98:16-17.)

As I understand this command, we the prophets must turn our hearts unto the Jews, and then we may hope that they will turn their hearts unto us because of the message that we shall bring unto them through the restoration of the Gospel in this dispensation. The importance of this the Lord declared in these word:" . . . lest I come and smite the whole earth with a curse, and all flesh be consumed before me."

Principles for

By Elder Eldred G. Smith

★ We have heard considerable about having faith in the Gospel, living the teachings of the Gospel. In the School of the Elders in Kirtland, Ohio, the Prophet Joseph Smith stated that there are certain fundamental principles necessary for us to understand respecting Deity and our relation to Him. In order that we may exercise faith in Him for life and salvation, we must have correct Ideas of His character, His perfection and attributes. The Prophet listed such attributes as knowledge, power, justice, judgment, mercy, and truth.

These attributes are necessary to enable any rational being to exercise faith in God, for without the idea of the existence of these attributes in the Deity, men could not exercise faith in Him for life and salvation. Without the knowledge of all things, God would not be able to save any part of His creatures; for it is by reason of the knowledge of all things from the beginning to the end that enables Him to give that understanding to His creatures by which they are made partakers of eternal life.

If it were not for the idea existing in the minds of men that God has all knowledge, it would be impossible for them to exercise faith in Him.

WHOM WORSHIP YE?

Whom do you worship? Do you worship a Living God or an unknown God, as the Athenians did?

On Mars' hill, Paul said to the Athenians: "... Ye men of Athens, I percieve that in all things ye are too superstitious.

"For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly

Understanding Deity

worship, him declare I unto you.

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

"Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;



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"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

"That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring.

"Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art, and man's device." (Acts 17:22-29.)

WE, HIS OFFSPRING

Paul tells us here that we are the offspring of God. Later in his epistle to the Hebrews he tells us, "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of Spirits, and live?" (Heb. 12:9.) So we are the spirit children of God.

In the Doctrine and Covenants, the Lord tells us:

"The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also." (D&C 130:22.)

John says, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." (John 4:24.)

Man is also a spirit clothed with flesh and bones, so, too, is God. Again the Lord has said in modern revelation, "For man is spirit. The elements are eternal, and spirit and element, inseparably connected, receive a fulness of joy." (D&C 93:33.) Birth is the uniting of this spirit and elements of physical bodies. Death is the separation. The resurrection is the uniting of the spirit and the physical body, which the Lord says, "inseparably connected. receive a fulness of joy."

So Moses recorded in Genesis. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gen. 1:27.)

I ask — whom do you worship? Whom do I worship? I worship my God who is my Father in heaven, the Father of my spirit, a resurrected, glorified, perfected man, not resurrected from this earth, no, but from some previous earth in the long distant past.

How do I know He is is a resurrected man? If he is not, I have no hope in the resurrection. Neither then is Christ resurrected, nor others. Then, too, are all the scriptures false which are replete with references to resurrected arabley connected, receive a fulness beings who have appeared to man?

For example, as recorded in Matthew: "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

"And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." (Matt. 27:52-53.)

As sure as Jesus Christ is resurrected, so may I have a hope in a resurrection. If men may be resurrected and God is not, then man will have accomplished what God has not and thus become greater than God. This we know is impossible. Hence what men may accomplish, God has accomplished ahead of him .

The Sixth Day Of Creation

By Elder Sterling W. Sill

★ One of the most inspiring messages in all sacred scripture is the story of the sixth day of creation when God made man in His own image. He also endowed him with a set of his own attributes. Then, as the very climax of creation, God gave man dominion over everything upon the earth, includ ing himself. The dictionary says that "dominion" means control or the power to govern. The most important part of the dominion given to man was self-dominion. In all of creation, it was only to man that God said, "... thou mayest choose for thyself..." (Moses 3:17.)

On one occasion Joseph Smith was asked to explain the unusual harmony existing among his large group of church members, though they differed so greatly in background, nationality, and experience. The Prophet replied, "I teach the people correct principles and they govern themselves." (Cited by John Taylor, JD 10:57-58.)



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One of the most important parts of real religion is to qualify ourselves to govern our own lives effectively and righteously. Someone has said, "He that would move the world, must first move himself."

We talk a great deal about the fact that we have been given the priesthood. The priesthood is the authority to act in the name of the Lord. But by itself that is not enough. We must also develop the "ability" to act in the name of the Lord. The authority can never be of very great consequence without the ability. That is, how much benefit would be derived from having the authority to make converts without the ability to make converts.

CONTROL SELF

The most inspiring thing about the life of Jesus was not His ability to quiet the storm or control the tempest, but His absolute conrol of Himself. The Master did not need to make a single mistake in order to find out that it was wrong.

We have developed a fairly good control over some of our body members; for example, I have great authority over my finger. If I tell it to bend, it bends. If I tell it to unbend, it unbends. If I give my feet an order, they obey immediately, and we will have succeeded in our religious responsibility when we get that same kind of control over our thoughts, our emotions, our tongues, our industry, our faith, and our desire to serve God.

Some of us have mistrained our appetites to a point where we tend to "think" with our stomachs; that is, our appetites frequently have more influence in directing our lives than our reason or even the commandments of God. This same misuse of our powers frequently gives our fears, our doubts, our prejudices, our hates, and our sex impulses the control of our lives. Before we can be successful in our God-given dominion, our emotions must be brought under the direction of the spirit.

GOVERN SELF FIRST

St. Augustine said, "Wouldst thou have thy flesh obey thy spirit? Then have thy spirit obey thy God. Thou must be governed, if thou wouldst govern." And only when we properly govern ourselves according to what is right, can we escape the destructive rule of our moods and appetites.

Sir Walter Raleigh said. "A man must first govern himself, ere he be fit to govern a family; and his family, ere he is fit to bear the government in the commonwealth."

Each of us has been given a magnificent instrument called a brain, which was intended to play a much more prominent part in our religious life than it sometimes does. The brain, not the feelings or the passions, was designated by God to be the presiding officer of the personality. And when

we honour the authority of the mind, we become masters instead of slaves.

A. Bertha Kleinman has written the following verse about self-mastery.

SELF-MASTERY

"What tho I conquer my enemies,
And lay up store and pelf,
I am a conqueror poor indeed,
Till I subdue myself.

"What tho I read and learn by heart
Whole books while I am young,
I am a linguist in disgrace,
Who cannot guard my tongue.

"What tho on campus I excel
A champ in meet and fight
If trained efficient still I can't
Control an appetite.

"What tho exemptions write my name
High on the honour roll
Electives, solids fail me if
I learn no self-control.

"And tho I graduate and soar
And life is good to me,
My heart shall write me failure till
I learn self-mastery."

NEW ARCHIVIST FOR NEWCASTLE

★ Keith and Valerie Bishop and their daughters have moved recently from Doncaster Ward to Newcastle Ward.

Keith has been appointed city archivist of Newcastle Upon Tyne, which speaks well of the tremendous strides this young man has made since dedicating himself to the Lord's work in his early youth.

He served as first counsellor in the Doncaster Ward bishopric.

Since their marriage in 1966, Keith has taken his diploma in archives at London University.

Valerie is a native of Sunderland and met Keith at Manchester University where they both graduated before serving on full time missions in France.

Experiences On Temple

By Elder Marion D. Hanks

★ May I tell you a story which bears repetition. It is the most significant single experience I have ever had, personally, about the importance of "one." It happened long enough ago that I think the individual involved would not be conscious of our noting him, though I see no harm if he is.

A man walked into the temple grounds in Salt Lake City, Utah, and into the office in the Bureau of Information one day long ago. He interrupted a conversation which was private and serious, and did it without apology. He was quite an elderly man; he was not what you would call an attractive human being. He was unkempt, unshaven; he reeked of alcohol and tobacco.

He walked over to the desk where I sat, pointed his hand in the direction of the temple, and said, "How do you get in there?" I assumed that he was a tourist, one of the infrequent but occasional few who do not understand the purpose and the reason of temple-going and who have become affronted because they are not taken into the temple, and perhaps had come to complain.

I told him as best I could, or began to, the story of the temple, but had proceeded only a little distance when he interrupted. He waved me away and said, "Oh, you don't have to tell me all that, I know that. I am a Mormon."



Elder Marion D. Hanks

Square In Salt Lake City

"Well," I said, "if you are a member of the Church and you know all of this, what is it you want from me?" He said, " Frankly, nothing. There isn't anything you have to give me. I am here because my wife insisted on my coming in, but I have fulfilled my errand," and out he went.

MARRIED THREE TIMES

I tried to pick up the threads of the conversation and finish it, and later, as I sat thinking about him and his story, I looked out the window and saw him walking by the Joseph and Hyrum (Smith) monuments with a younger woman. I went out to talk with them. She identified herself as his wife. He had been married three times; each previous wife had died after bearing a large family.

There are two questions I asked him, which I think each person would do well to hear answered as he answered them. I asked, in effect, how he had come to his feeling of antagonism and indifference. He told me that at age nineteen he had been ejected from a chapel by a bishop's counselor who had been summoned because of the boy's trouble-making in class. One thing that had been said, this man remembered for nearly sixty years. As he was thrown out, someone objected. The answer that came from the counselor who had the task in hand was, "Oh, let him go, he is just one kid!"

LOVE FOLLOWS REPROOF

He went, and he never came back, nor was there ever any visiting, never any outpouring or increase of the love that should follow reproof, according to the Lord He moved to another area of the land, married, had a family; his wife passed away and he married again, his second wife died after bearing a family also He had come to Salt Lake City at the insistence of his third wife, who, having been taught by the missionaries and converted to the principles of the Gospel, had brought him here hoping that somehow he might be touched—he, the member

This, also, I would like to report: I asked him how many living descendants he had. He counted them and ans-

wered, "Fifty-four." I asked him then, how many of them are members of the Church, and I expect you know the answer, though perhaps not his interesting expression. He said, "Huh, ain't any of them members of the Church. They're a pretty hard lot."

This last question: who was it the bishop's counselor propelled out the door that morning? Just one boy? Just one? This one has in his own lifetime become, in effect, a multitude, and the current has but begun to run. and everyone of them denied, according to his own witness, the love of the Gospel and the brotherhood of the Saints, the warmth and strength and direction of the programmes of the Church.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

"No amount of knowledge, of inspiration and testimony as to the divinity of the work of God will be of benefit to us unless we put that knowledge into actual practice in the daily walks of life. It is not the amount that any individual may know that will benefit him and his fellows; but it is the practical application of that knowledge." —Heber J. Grant

Standard Of Competition High In British Athletic Association Finals

by Monitor C. Noyce
Managing Editor

★ A wonderful response in number of participants and spectators with a significant improvement in the degree of performance was noted at the British Athletic Association finals held at Manchester the weekend of August 15th — 17th.

Chairman of the BAA, Pres. Dennis Livesey of the Leeds Stake, commented on the improved skills. "The standard was really high. We especially noted this in the high jump event where the winner jumped 5ft. 11in."

Glasgow won over Bristol, 2 to 1 to win the Mark E. Petersen cup in the 11-a-side football match, main event of the BAA finals.

Beginning on Friday evening with table tennis (junior) the meeting continued with the senior table tennis Saturday morning at the Owens Park Residence where many of the participants were accommodated for the two nights. Fallowfield Stadium Saturday was the scene for the track and field events. The 5-a-side football, netball, basketball, and volleyball competition were all held at the Manchester Stake Centre.

Saturday evening beginning at 6.30 pm the swimming finals were held at Wythenshawe baths. Concluding Saturday's full schedule was the social event of the three-day meet, the dance in the stake centre.



Nick Jones, SWB, Weston-Super-Mare Branch, winner of over 18 long jump with a jump of 18 ft. 5 in.

CLIMAX CAME SUNDAY

Climax to the spiritualized recreation programme of the Church in Great Britain came Sunday morning when, in the words of Sister Weightman, "the loveliest spiritual meeting I've ever attended was held." Various youths were called from the congregation to bear their testimony. "Each had something to give. It was really very touching, there was such a beautiful spirit present. This will be something these young people will remember and cherish throughout their lives," she said.

Mrs. Weightman and her daughter, Christine, were in charge of compiling the records.

Pres. Livesey is ably assisted in the direction of the BAA by Pres. John H. Weightman of the Manchester Stake Presidency and Pres. Derek Cuthbert, first counselor in the Central British Mission Presidency. The trio are ardent sportsman who go all out to make the occasion a wonderful experience for the youth.

MANY AIDED OFFICIALS

Aiding them were many in the field as referees, judges, etc. including Michael Mills, table tennis and junior 5-a-side football; Bert Whalley, table tennis (junior); Peter Kingsley, football; Heather Coombes, girls netball and basketball; Jeff Robinson, junior volleyball; Clive Jones, basketball, plus a number of aides from the Stakes and Missions.

The MIA prepared and served food for the hungry competitors and the many spectators.

Competitors this year were teamed up in "groups" as London Stake and British Mission making one group; Southwest and the British South Missions another; Manchester Stake and the North British Mission; Leicester Stake and the Central British Mission; Leeds and Sunderland Stakes and the Northeast area of the North British Mission; and the Glasgow Stake and the Scottish Mission another.

TRACK-FIELD RESULTS

Results of the track and field events and the swimming competition follows:

Southwest British and British Missions — 20 first place winners; 19 seconds and six third place winners.

Glasgow Stake and Scottish Mission — 14 first place winners; eight second places and nine third places.

London Stake and British Mission — 13 firsts; four seconds and seven thirds.



Chris Ellison, Sheffield Branch, Leeds Stake, senior long jump winner.

Manchester Stake and North British Mission — nine firsts; nine seconds and eight thirds.

Leicester Stake and the Central British Mission — nine firsts; six seconds and seven thirds.

Leeds and Sunderland Stakes and northeast area of the North British Mission — six firsts; nine seconds and 15 thirds.

Certificates and trophies were awarded winners. Names of the winners and second and third place follows:

TRACK:

12-14 boys' 100 yards — N. Alexander of Glasgow Stake and Scottish Mission group; Kevin Knowles, Southwest and British South Missions; P. Gore, Leeds and Sunderland Stakes and Northeast area of North British Mission.

12-14 Girls' 100 yards — F. Ringer, London Stake, British Mission; H. Blackburn, SWB and British South; S. Collinson, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast British.

15-17 Boys' 220 yards — N. Stephens, SWB and British South; T. Foley, Manchester, N.British; D. Walker, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M.

15-17 Girls' 220 yards — M. Easton, Glasgow Stake, Scottish M; J. Cornell, SWB and British South; D. Simms, Leicester Stake, Central British M.

Open age, men, one mile—W. Adair, Glasgow Stake, Scottish M; D. Smallman, Manchester and North British M; J. Snell, London Stake, British M.

Open age, ladies, 4 x 110 yards relay — Manchester South Ward; Aldershot Branch, British S. Mission; Paisley Ward, Glasgow Stake.

12-14 boys' 220 yards — N. Alexander, Glasgow Stake, Scottish M; K. Knowles, SWB and British S; T. Doughty, Manchester Stake, British N.

Over 18 men 220 yards — D. McGibbon, Glasgow Stake, Scottish M; N. Jones, SWB and British S; Roger Carter, Manchester Stake, North British Mission.

Over 18 ladies, 220 yards—M. Tymon, SWB, and British S; M. Patterson, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; E. Skrimshaw, Leeds and Sunderland Stakes and Northeast British M.

15-17 boys' 100 yards — N. Stephens, SWB and British S; D. Roberts, Manchester Stake and N. British; D. Walker, Leeds, Sunderland and Northeast British Mission.

Open age, men, 4 x 110 yards relay — Hyde Park Ward, London Stake; Plymouth Branch, SWB; Manchester Ward, Manchester Stake.

Under 18 boys' 440 yards — B. Gove, SWB and British South M; A. Osborne, Manchester Stake, N. British; A. Irvin, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M.

Over 18 ladies' 100 yards — M. Patterson, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; L. Cornell, SWB and British S; H. Gore, Leeds, Sunderland and Northeast British Mission.

Over 18 men, 100 yards — D. McGibbon, Glasgow Stake, Scottish M; N. Jones, SWB and British S; Ellison, Leeds, Sunderland and Northeast M.

Over 18 ladies' 440 yards — M. Tyman, SWB and British S; E. Skrimshaw, Leeds, Sunderland and Northeast M.

Over 18 men, 440 yards — D. Flinn, Glasgow Stake, Scottish M; M. Hall, Leeds, Sunderland and Northeast M; K. Lowe, Leicester Stake and Central British Mission.

Open age, 3 miles cross-country — W. Shaw, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; D. Smallman, Manchester Stake, N. British M; L. Griffin, London Stake and British Mission.

FIELD EVENTS:

Long jump, boys 18 and over — N. Jones, SWB and British South; C. Hall, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast Mission.

Long jump, boys 15-17—N. Stephens, SWB and British South; T. Featherstone, Manchester Stake and N. British Mission.

Long jump, boys 12-14—N. Alexander, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; K. Bothamley, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; J. Wolfe, London Stake, British M.

High jump, girls 18 and over — J. Bech, SWB and British S; McCalom, Leicester Stake and CBM; B. Gatt, London and British M.

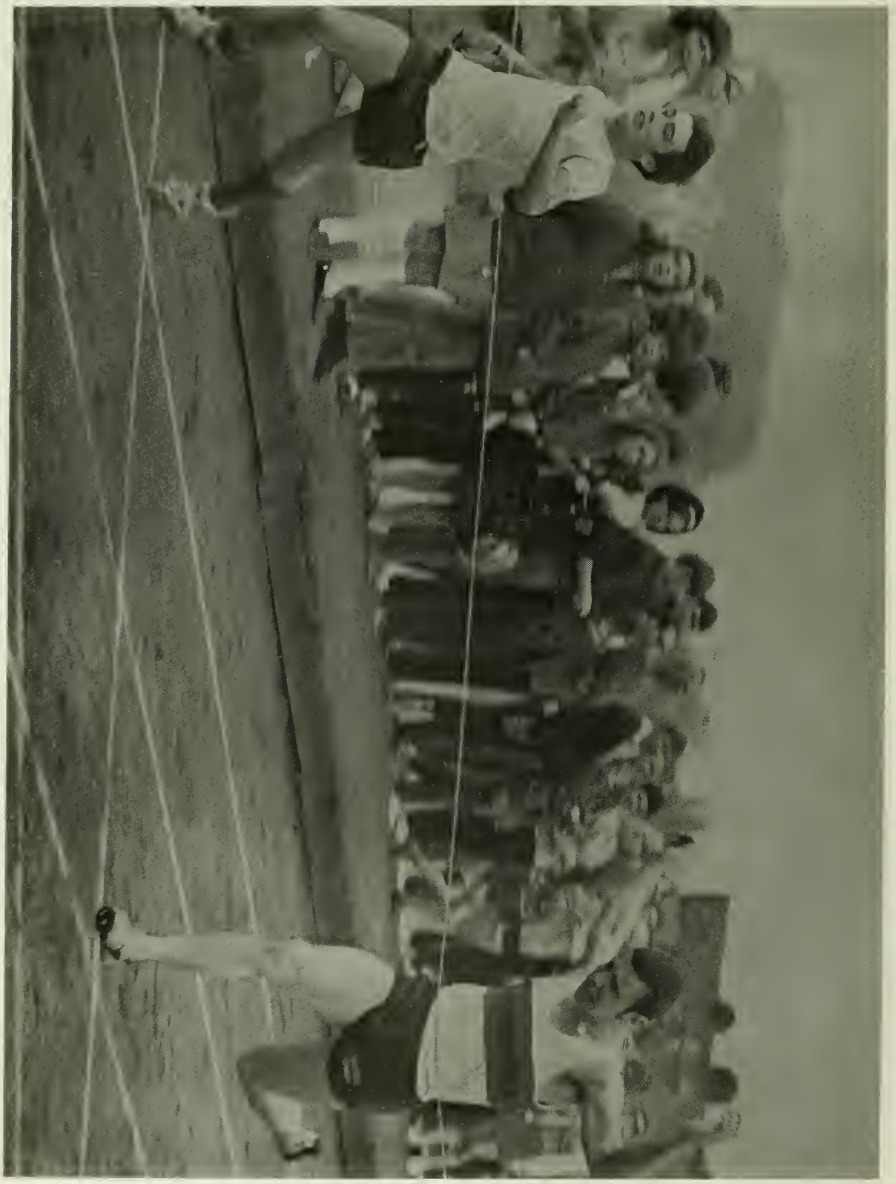
High jump, girls, 15-17 — M. Easton, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; A. Bamford, Manchester Stake and N. British M; A. Longstaff, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M.

High jump, girls 12-14 — F. Ringer, London Stake, British M; S. Cornell, SWB and British S; P. Cobb, Manchester Stake and N. British M.

Discus, boys 15-17 — J. Bray, Leicester Stake and CBM; T. Green, London Stake and British M; W. Thirston, SWB and British S.



Geof Harding, Bristol Branch, SWB, high jump winner, jumping 5 ft. 11 in.



Nigel Stevens, Swindon Branch, 100 yds, 15—17 age group.



L. O. Skeen, London Stake, winner, shot put, over 18.

Discus, boys 12-14 — B. Warden, SWB and British S; D. Hezaltine, Leicester Stake and CBM; J. Bushnell, London Stake and British M.

Discus, boys 18 and over—O. Skeen, London Stake and British M; R. Wright, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; L. Fox, SWB and British S.

Shot, boys under 18 — A. Osbourne, Manchester Stake and N. British M; J. Bray, Leicester Stake and CBM; W. Thirston, SWB and British S.

Shot, boys 18 and over — O. Skeen, London Stake and British M; S. Fox, SWB and British S; D. Downie, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M.

Long jump, girls 18 and over — P. Davies, London Stake and British M; L. Cornell, SWB and British S; Stronock, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M.

Long jump, girls 15-17 — M. Easton, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; S. Robinson, Manchester Stake and N. British M; D. Noble, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M.

High jump, boys 18 and over — J. Harding, SWB and British South; C. Ellison, Leeds and Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; D. Cook, London Stake and British M.

High jump, boys 15-17 — M. Williamson, Leicester Stake and CBM; R. Duckworth, SWB and British S; R. Stronach, Glasgow Stake and Scottish Mission.

Discus, girls 12-14 — F. Ringer, London Stake and British M; J. Hand, SWB and British S; L. Cottrell, Leicester Stake and CBM.

Discus, girls 18 and over — B. Andrews, Manchester Stake and N. British; J. Thistleton, Leeds, Sunderland Stake and Northeast M; R. Stronach, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M.

Long jump, girls 12-14 — F. Ringer, London Stake and British M; M. Lewis, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; A. Grindley, Manchester Stake and N. British M.

High jump, boys 12-14 — D. Cuthbert, Leicester Stake and CBM; B. Warden, SWB and British S; N. Alexander Glasgow Stake and Scottish M.

Discus, girls 15-17 — C. Smith, Leicester Stake and CBM; P. Trew, London Stake and British M; Y. Negent, Manchester Stake and N. British M.



Audrey Grindley, Manchester South Ward, favoured to win but took third place in long jump.



Francis Ringer, British Mission, Chelmsford Branch, high jump winner.

SWIMMING:

12-14 boys, 28 yards free stye — T. P. Kirk, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; Ian Marsh, SWB and British South.

12-14 girls, 28 yards back stroke — E. Thurston, SWB and British South; L. Quesne, Leicester Stake and CBM; L. Pooley, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M.

15-17 boys, 50 yards breast stroke — I. Jackson, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; D. Richardson, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; P. Woodhead, SWB and British S.

18 and over girls, 50 yards back stroke — S. Wilkins, London Stake and British M; C. Johnson, SWB and British S; S. Chapman, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M.

15-17 boys, 3 x 25 yards relay — Springboig Ward, Glasgow Stake, Scottish Mission.

15-17 girls, 50 yards free style — Janet Tottel, SWB and British S; A. McGinn, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; S. Chapman, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M.

18 and over, men, 50 yards free style — M. Coombes, Leicester Stake and CBM; Ray Foff, SWB and British South; Skeen, London Stake and British M.

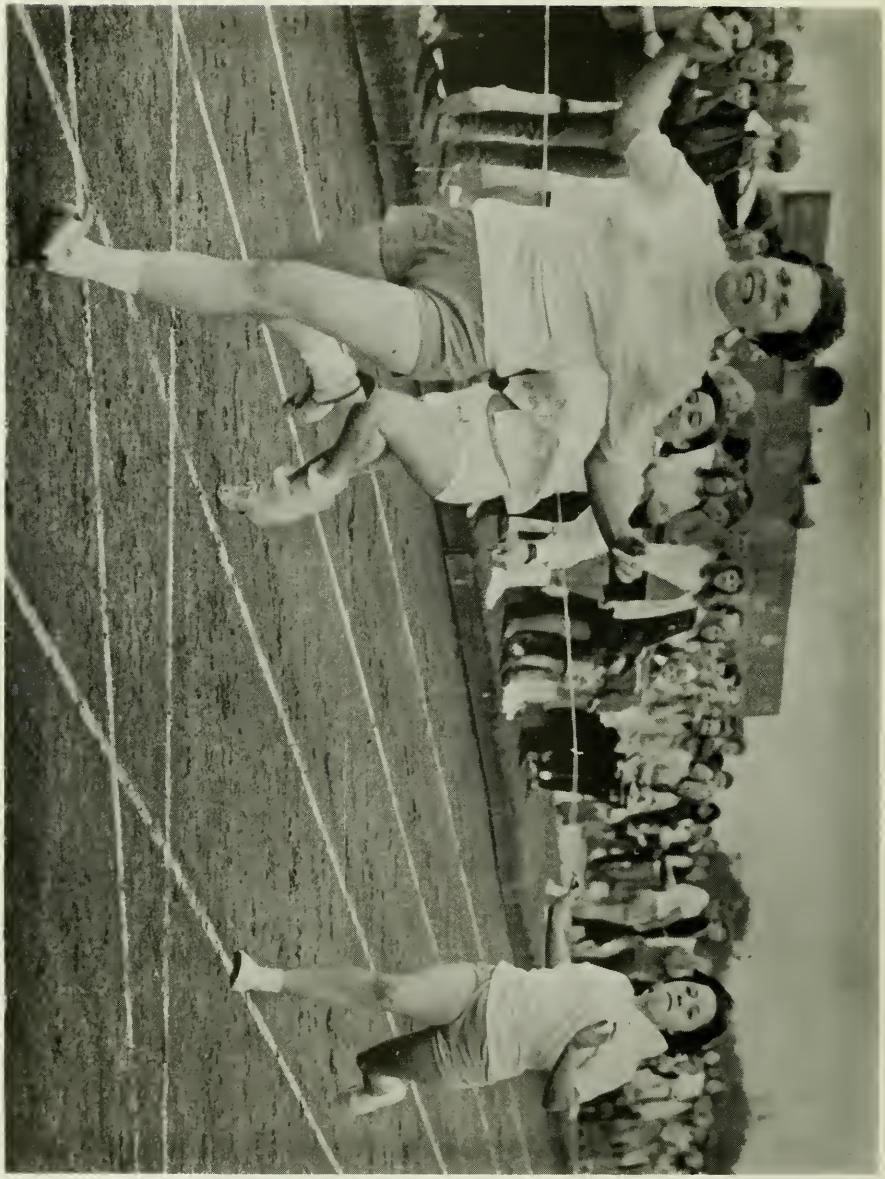
18 and over , ladies, 50 yards breast stroke — G. Chitty, SWB and British South; P. Doggett, London Stake and British M; Leslie Shepherd, Manchester Stake and N. British M.

12-14 girls, 25 yards free style — E. Thurston, SWB and British S; L. Quesne, Leicester Stake and CBM; G. Bentley, Manchester Stake and N. British Mission.

18 and over, men 50 yards breast stroke — R. Kingsley,, London Stake and British M; B. Whalley, Manchester Stake and N. British M; M. Coombes, Leicester Stake and CBM.

15-17 girls, 3 x 25 yards relay — Bradford Ward, Airdrie Branch, Glasgow Stake, Scottish M; Plymouth Branch, SWB and British S.

12-14 boys, 25 yards breast stroke — S. Leonard, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; D. Moore, Leicester Stake and CBM.



M. Patterson, Glasgow Stake, womens 110-dash.



Susan Robinson, Manchester South Ward, last stringer in four by 110 open age relay.

15-17 boys, 50 yards free stye — I. Jackson, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; W. Thirston, SWB and British S; R. Stronach, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M.

15-17 girls, 50 yards breast stroke — J. Tottel, SWB and British S; P. Mann, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; S. Eccleston, Leicester Stake and CBM.

18 and over, men, 50 yards back stroke — M. Coombs, Leicester Stake and CBM; M. Higgs, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; R. Foff, SWB and British S.

12-14 boys, 25 yards back stroke — P. Kirk, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; L. Griffin, London Stake and British M; A. Fitzpatrick, Leicester Stake and CBM.

12-14 girls, 25 yards breast stroke — Y. Giles, SWB and British S; M. Elsbury, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; L. Queens, Leicester Stake and CBM.

18 and over, ladies, 50 yards free style — G. Chitty, SWB and British S; B. Pullen, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; S. Chapman, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M.

15-17 boys, 50 yards back stroke — I. Jackson, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M; M. Williamson, Leicester Stake and CBM; D. Speirs, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M.

15-17 girls, 50 yards back stroke — J. Tottel, SWB and British S; A. McGinn, Glasgow Stake and Scottish M; L. Jackman, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M.

12-14 boys, 3 x 25 yards relay — Bradford Ward; Weston-Super-Mare Branch, SWB and British S. Derby Ward Leicester Stake and CBM..

12-14 girls, 3 x 25 yards relay — Ashton, Manchester Stake and N. British M; Dewsbury Ward, Leeds, Sunderland Stakes and Northeast M.

Open age, men, 4 x 25 yards relay — Manchester Ward, Manchester Stake and N. British M; Bradford Ward; Weston-Super-Mare Branch, SWB and British South.

Open age, ladies, 4 x 25 yards relay — Hull Branch, Manchester Stake and North British M.



Maralyn Eston, Scottish Mission, girls 220 winner.



Manchester South Ward girls, winners of net ball, from left, back Edith and Susan Robinson, Beverley Caddick, Barbara Robinson, Audry Grinley; front, Lesley Hargreaves, Yvonne Robinson and Pat Corbishley.



Leicester Ward, second place in girls net ball. From left, Carol Sullivan, Ruth Palmer, Angela Kight, Marilyn Green, captain; Laraine Taverner, Carolyn Jayes, Margaret Brewin.



Liverpool mens baskeball winners, front, Bill Gibson and Arthur Ireland; back, Frank Hitchmough, Alan Brown and David Morris, captain.



Manchester South Ward 5-a-side football team winners, from left, Ian Burgess, Peter Ropber, Nicky Moores, Roy Scott (reserve), George Robinson Jr., Dave Shuttleworth.



Leicester Stake cheering section added spice to the competition and fun.



Part of the Crowd on the sidelines.



Pres. Dennis Livesey, chairman of the BAA, talking with spectator.



Action during goal netball game.

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A Look At the Church Building Programme In Great Britain

(The Millennial Star herewith acquaints its readers with the building programme of the Church in Great Britain.)

It would appear that the construction of the beautiful London Temple at Newchapel, near East Grinstead, spearheaded the Church building programme in Great Britain. The London Temple was constructed during 1955-58

The huge chapel construction programme began in 1961 and since then nearly 90 buildings have been built and dedicated. At present several are nearing completion stage and a number are on the drawing boards for early construction. One of the most recent dedications was that of the beautiful new Visitors' Centre adjacent to the London Temple with the service held on June 14.

The building programme in Great Britain is ably supervised by Rudger J. Dent, formerly bishop of the Ogden 21st Ward, Lorin Farr Stake, in Utah. The Dents have been in England nearly a year. Bro. Dent was a successful building contractor in Utah. The Dents have three sons and five grandchildren.

Bro. Dent succeeded Ronald T. Davis as British area supervisor, in May. Bro. Davis and his family have returned to Canada. He came to England in 1962 as a missionary, called from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He



Rudger Dent, left, area supervisor, meeting with Heather Green, his secretary and Frederick J. Curtis area construction inspector.

served first as president of the Dundee East Branch in Scotland. In March of 1965 he was appointed district supervisor over half of England, in 1966 named assistant and field supervisor, and assumed overall supervision in 1967 when Orvil Lloyd returned to the States. Bro. Davis was a member of the London Stake High Council while he resided in Epsom Ward.

In an interview with Bro. Davis just prior to his departure for Canada, he reflected upon his experiences. He recalled the winter of 1962 was a "real bad one. Much of the construction that winter had to be closed down because of the weather conditions, but not so for the Church building programme. All our projects stayed open, although at times they moved very slowly. It was remarkable that our footings were never affected by the frost and cold of that winter. The Lord really blessed us as we worked on the 50 buildings that were under way."

That was at the height of the era when labour building missionaries were assigned to the various projects. A number of these young men learned trades which they have since found useful.

Chapels are now constructed under a contract basis with the branch or ward asked to contribute labour according to the strength of the ward or branch and for which the ward or branch receives credit on a piece-work basis. The local ward or branch is expected to make a cash contribution, an amount determined by the strength of its membership.

Priorities in construction are determined by the Church Building Committee after Stakes and Missions submit annually their requests through their respective Regional Representative. In Great Britain Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve, is the Regional Representative, assisted by Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve.

Wards or branches may be recommended for a project after a suitable site has been located, approved and purchased; a high priority has been assigned by the stake or mission president and by the Regional Representative; and the ward or branch is engaged in a positive and aggressive fund raising programme enabling it to be fully prepared to support the building project.

The recommendation is returned to the ward or branch for local approval or disapproval. If accepted, the plan is put into the planning stage and an



Bishop Peter D. Manners, new area financial representative, centre, with his predessor William L. Van Wagonner and Florence Smith secretary.



Discussing a chapel plan are, from left, William K. Sheppard, estimator; Donald O. Hendon, architect and Paul R. Jacobsen, area architectural planning administrator.

architect begins drawing up the plans and preparing cost estimates.

Meanwhile the ward leadership prepares estimates of cash and labour available from local membership. When this is completed the Church Building Committee is again consulted and agreement reached as to what the piece-work labour figure will be and how much the branch or ward must raise in cash. (This cash ratio is flexible in Great Britain but should be approximately 20 per cent with a "realistic effort and sacrifice" upon the part of the local membership.)

The next step is a review of the prospective project by the Regional Representative who in turn passes the information along to the Building Committee. If this committee feels the ward or branch is making a realistic effort and sacrifice then the appropriation is usually appropriated. The Committee on Expenditure informs the Regional Representative and if he is satisfied it is within the amount the local organisation can raise then an application is made for a construction supervisor (a paid employee of the Church) and the go-a-head is given.

Chapels are finished when the ward has paid all of its cash assessment and completed its labour commitments, then application for dedication is made.

The Church employs supervisors of construction who have been successful

building contractors, and men who like to see fine, beautiful, functional chapels erected to our Heavenly Father. These men take pride in seeing the realisation of such projects and often put in 60 to 80 hours per week.

It is suggested that wards and branches contemplating a building project plan at least two years in advance and have a "nice kitty of cash." When a branch has 50 people attending regularly then it is time enough to start searching for a building site.

Principally three types of chapels are being erected in Great Britain. The Blaine type, costing approximately £28,000 and requiring about seven months to build; the Blaine M-1 which costs approximately £30,000 and requires 10-12 months for construction and the Fenton at near £40,000.

Bro. Dent says that the Church plans soon to have its own building operations and maintenance department in Great Britain.

As Bro. Davis put it, the Building Department is "missionary minded." The whole thing we try to remember is that while we are building a building we are also building people, promulgating the Gospel."

Both he and Bro. Dent were quick to note that in spite of the most adverse weather conditions there is a high degree of safety achieved on the building projects in Great Britain. "All our workers are cognizant of making 'safety first' a golden rule. There have been some accidents, but not one man has lost his life on a Church project."

Bro. Davis recalled one man, Cliff Johnson, fell and broke his back on a project at Southport. But, within six months he returned to help finish the building. "We all admired him."

Bro. Dent noted the need for good knowledgable mechanics to help in this great building programme.

The Church Building Department is located at North Cheam, Surrey at Haredon House. The staff includes Bro. Frederick J. Curtis, area construction inspector and Bro. Cyril D. Clarke, Epsom, heating, electrical and sound systems specialty supervisor.

Area purchasing agent and furnishings representative is Ben G. Bartholomew, of Epsom, formally of Salt Lake City; architectural planning administrator, Donald O. Hendon of Cheam; area architectural planning administrator, Paul R. Jacobsen with William K. Sheppard, estimator; Bishop Peter D. Manners, Epsom Ward, as area financial department (recently succeeded Willard L. Van Wagoner, who has now returned to Riverton, Utah, with his family).

Mr. Mark R. Sharman of Devonshire & Company, London, is Church legal council and Bro. Ronald E. Green, Tadworth, Surrey, in charge of the Church Real Estate Department.

Project Supervisors include Bro. Desmond C. Gorman, Newport on the Isle of Wight; Bro Robert E. Isherwood, Burnley, Lancashire; Bro. Warren A. Barber, Belfast, Ireland; Bro. Frank J. Lemperle, Hucclecote, Gloucester; Bro. David Lambert, Newport (Mon); Bro. Keith C. Hargreaves, Nelson, Lancashire; Bro. Marvin Ferrin, North Shields; Bro. Rex Bollschweiler, St. Leonards on-Sea, Sussex; Bro. Horace Foote, Springboig Ward, Easterhouse, Glasgow; Bro. James Haisell, Catford Branch, London Stake.

Bro. Norman Newill, Leeds, Yorks, maintenance.

Brief biographies of several of the staff follow:

A successful building contractor was nearing the finish of his new home in Southport, Austrlaia, 11 years ago, when two missionaries called at the door. Since that time Bro. Frederick J. Curtis has been deeply involved in the Church.

Shortly after the family immigrated to Canada he was called to work in the Church Building programme and assigned to Great Britain, having been here now seven years. The family lives in Leeds where he is close to several chapels under construction, and he is High Priest group leader.

Sis. Curtis is Primary In-Service leader. The Curtis' have four chidren the oldest son is serving a mission in Ireland.



Ronald E. Green, in charge of the British Church Real Estate Department, dictates legal data to Gwen Huggins, secretary.

Bro. Curtis likes the building programme of the Church and has had numerous experiences, many of them faith promoting. One example is that of a building missionary who fell from a scaffold and had his arm in a sling for some time. One night after a Sacrament Meeting this young man asked Bro. Curtis if there wasn't something he could do for the arm, "since you hold the priesthood." Bro. Curtis says, "We administered to the boy. He came to work the next morning without the sling and he has never had further trouble with the arm. This proved to me that the Lord does answer prayer."

Bro. Clarke has been with the Church Building programme about 15 years, the major portion of that time in New Zealand. He recently served as a counselor in the bishopric of the Epsom Ward. Sis. Clarke was born in New Zealand, a convert and talented woman. They are stalwarts of the Church.

Paul R. Jacobsen, Area Architectural Planning Administrator, a member of the Church Building Department three years, formerly worked 10 years with a large architectural firm in Salt Lake City. He graduated from the University of Utah with degrees in bachelor of fine arts and of architecture.

Bro. Jacobsen served a mission to the Netherlands. He married Dolores Phillipps in Salt Lake Temple and they have three children, Lynda Kay, Lisa Ann, Mark Kevin.

Presently he is serving on the London Stake High School and Sister Jacobsen is a Primary teacher and secretary to the Epsom Ward Relief Society.

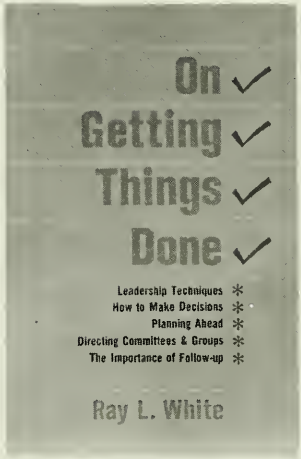
Nine years as a child in India, two years with the RAF, ten full active years in the Church and five of these ten years with the Church Finance Department, that adds up to a lot of travel and experience for Bishop Peter D. Manners, assistant representative of the Finance Department.

He was formerly first counselor in the Epsom Ward bishopric, previously serving as Elders Quorum president, Ward Clerk in South London, and member of the high council.

Sis. Manners is first counselor in the Primary. The Manners have four children. Bros. Manners claims gardening as his hobby.

Recently returning to Utah **after** 2½ years in the Church Finance Department at Epsom was Willard L. Van Wagoner. He came to England after five years with the Church Finance Department in Salt Lake City. A graduate of the BYU, Bro. Van Wagon-

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Diane LeRoux, left invoice clerk, and Valerie Osborn, secretary, at map of British Isles with Ben G. Bartholomew, area purchasing agent and furnishing representative.

er served two stake missions, as a high councilman, counselor in two bishoprics, and was London Stake Music Chairman.

While in Epsom Ward Sis. Van Wagoner was Primary president and in the Relief Society presidency.

The Van Wagoners returned to their home in the Riverton Fourth Ward, Riverton Stake, southwest of Salt Lake City, along with their six children.

Ben G. Bartholomew, Area Purchasing Agent and Furnishings Representative, soon begins his third year in England. He spent two years in Europe during World War II. A home teacher and advisor to the Aaronic Priesthood Adult group, he formerly was Epsom Ward Clerk.

Sis. Bartholomew is a counselor in the London Stake YWMIA presidency and also a Relief Society teacher.

The Bartholomews have four children, one son is on a mission, one son recently enrolled at the BYU, their daughter Susan also works at the Church offices at North Cheam and they have one other daughter with them.

Ronald E. Green, supervisor of the Real Estate Department, was on a holiday in Salt Lake City, and while



Susan Bartholomew, left and Francis Craven talking over printing matters with Kenneth F. Bennett, printer-custodian.

visiting the Church Building Department was asked if he would accept this responsible position.. He has been acting for and in behalf of the Church in purchasing property for the past several years.

When he accepted the position, Bro. Green says, he didn't anticipate that he would be so fully occupied in it, not realizing the full scope of the Church building programme. He has observed in his travels throughout the British Isles that many people are anxious to do business with the Church as they have been impressed by the fine array of Church chapels. It appears the standards of the Church are being observed through the buildings which act as sentinals.

becoming more difficult and expensive to acquire land as time goes on. It is easier to acquire land in the north compared to the Home Counties. He said the Church has had "good luck" in Scotland and is negotiating for a piece in Dublin where the Church proselyting programme "has done very well."

Presently the Epsom Ward Sunday School superintendent, he joined the Church 21 years ago shortly after proposing to his sweetheart. She answered him with the "golden" questions in response to his proposal.

The Greens have four children and all hail from Cheltenham, Gloucester where they have filled many positions.



William T. Todd, draughtsman, at desk of Joy Dunn, receptionist.

Bro. Green was a counselor to three mission presidents. Sister Green is activity counselor in the London Stake YWMIA.

Bro. Green operated his own estate office for many years.

Secretary to Bro Green in the Real Estate Department is Gwen Huggins speech director in the Epsom Ward. Previously she was a member of the Brighton Branch BSM and served a mission under former Mission Presid ent Marion D. Hanks of the British Mission. She too has held many Church positions.

"I thoroughly enjoyed Real Estate work, especially as it is for the Church, as you can see the wheels turning and the Church growing."

Valerie Osborn enjoys her work in the Building Department and is finding it "very interesting to see how this part of the Church organisation works."

A Sunday School teacher in the Epsom Ward, and London Stake Primary secretary, Valerie lived on the Isle of Wight for three years and previously came from St. Albans.

Bro. Kenneth F. Bennett and his daughter, Diane LeRoux, of the Crawley Branch, came to work at the Building Department this summer. He is a

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Excerpts From Early Stars

★ Scanning through former issues of the Millennial Star through the years, we find some of the following of interest:

At the Bristol Conference, held at Foresters' Hall, Sherborn Street, Gloucester, Sunday, June 20, 1875, under the direction of European Mission Pres. Joseph F. Smith, the Bristol Conference had at that time 13 branches. The Conference included 47 Elders, 15 priests, six teachers, four deacons and 185 members present for a total of 257.

Pres. Smith said in the evening meeting:

"I am not happy in my mind unless I feel that I am in the line of my duty. I have no pleasure in anything that is not comprised in the kingdom of God — the Church of Jesus Christ, and those ordinances that have been revealed for the salvation of mankind, which demand the attention of man and require not only his faith but his work.

"If the religion of Jesus Christ is what it professes to be, and we know it is, there is nothing beyond its power, there is no labour or exertion of ours that is too much, for in return we receive from the hands of God the blessings of eternal life.

"If I gain the celestial kingdom I must have my family with me, inasmuch as they are worthy, for unless I could have them with me, they and I would be miserable. If those that I love are separated from me, my happiness is destroyed. There would be nothing to live for, nothing to labour for."

"If there are no drops of rain there will be no pools of water."

"It is something to 'know thyself'. He who best knows himself is the most unconscious of self. . . . Who cares for the greatness that is not inclusive of goodness"...

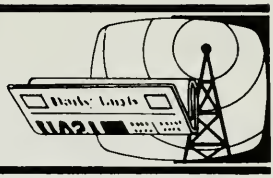
"The heart's progress should keep pace with that of the mind, and if a difference there must be, let the former go a little ahead.

"A strong, sharp, steely intellect unwarmed by a humble confessing heart is as cold and unlovable as the Arctic regions."

"We were born pure, but the world's education has perverted the simple intentions of nature, and selfishness and artifice is the result. Does necessity bind us to remain so. I think not; we can train our dispositions and be what we like.

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NEWS



NORTH BRITISH MISSION

TWO NEW CHAPELS OPENED IN THE PRESTON DISTRICT

★ During the past 14 months about 30 members from COLNE and NELSON have worked hard to transform a group of shops into a chapel.

First the debris had to be cleared from the former Co-operative store, which had been empty for over a year. Marble counters were removed and interior walls knocked down. The old steam heating system was taken out and modern gas central heating installed. Before the electrical fittings were completed, the members worked by the light of Tilley lamps, often late into the night, ripping out old fittings and replacing them with new ones.

Now the new interior contains a splendid chapel, a cultural hall, 7 classrooms, an office for the Branch President, a kitchen, toilets and a foyer. Keith Hargreaves the Building Supervisor said that it has been a big job and the members had tackled it extremely well.

The Mayor of Colne, Mr. John Isherwood, in declaring the Church open, said that it was pleasing to see a new church opening when so many nowadays were closing. Other speakers during the meeting included District Pres. Herbert Shorrock, Branch Pres. John Green and Supervisor Keith Hargreaves.

The chapel is situated halfway between Nelson and Colne on the main A56. and will serve the members from both towns.

★ August 2nd was the date for the long awaited opening of the new BURNLEY chapel in Belvedere Road. The service was attended by the Mayors and Mayoresses of Burnley, Colne and Nelson, and over 100 members of the Church.

Burnley Mayor, Counsellor Arthur Proctor made history when he became the town's first civic leader to open a church. The service was conducted by Branch Pres. Albert Pickup, who also serves on the local council, and who has recently been oppointed a magistrate. In his remarks he told of the 5,000 hours work contributed by the members as well as their gallant efforts to raise money.

The building was originally scheduled for January 1969, but there have been many delays, disappointments and changes of plans. When handing over the new chapel, Elder Rudger J. Dent,

contract supervisor for the U.K. stated that this was the 86th Church built in the British Isles.

Besides the local dignitaries, Mission President Leonard D. Robinson, District Pres. Herbert Shorrock and his wife, and Elder Dent and Elder Curtis from the Building Committee were also present.

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Elder Curtis, Elder Dent, Pres. Pickup and Pres. Robinson at the opening of the Burnley Chapel.

★ The HULL District M.I.A. held a Barn Dance at Manor Farm, Nr. Beverly on July 25th, with dancing to "The Hull Folk Group". Refreshments made by the Beverley Branch included hot dogs, pop and cakes etc.

★ Sixty Quakers visited the BEVERLEY Chapel on July 30th, to view displays by the District Auxiliaries and see the films "Highlights in Church History" and "Man's Search for Happiness". They were greatly impressed by all that they saw.



At opening of Burnley Chapel, from left, Frederick J. Curtis, Rudger Dent, Pres. Pickup and Pres. Robison. (Photo, Burnley Express).

★ We offer our congratulations to Kathleen Sharples, of the Nelson Branch, who recently qualified as a State Registered Nurse.

★ Scarlet devils, radiantly white angels, gay gipsies, two singing guitar players, a most splendid Chitty chitty bang bang car, a captive balloon and a raft washed away to sea with a singing captain and crew, plus an excellent parrot for effect. What more could anyone ask for an evening spent in TRAVEL! This was the theme of the LIVERPOOL District Road Show for this year, and what a task for the judges to decide on the winners. Just by a shade the decision went to LIVERPOOL for their very good and original score. They showed St. Peter and his assistants on one side, and Satan in his horrific garb on the other, both sending their messengers all over Merseyside for recruits, certainly a new approach to the Travel Business! The raft sailing away with the castaways was also very effective, and so were the colourful gypsies in the next show, their baritone and soprana singing were excellent. The Chitty Chitty Bang Bang must have taken a great deal of time and trouble to produce and show and their performers are to be congratulated indeed. The final results are as follows: Liverpool won the cup, Warrington and St. Helens tied for second place and Southport came a close third.

LONDON STAKE

★ The theme "Escapade" was well carried through in the 8 Roadshows presented to the Stake on July 19th. South London Ward followed the theme of the "Sorcerer's Apprentice" in their "Automatic Escapade", with robots getting out of hand. Hyde Park Ward presented "An Escapade of the Absurd in the Land of Dreams", notable for a character study of Dino, the Italian Cafe-owner, by John Snell, and also for a mimed duel scene, both of which won "Oscars". The make-up of the "tramp" also won an "Oscar".

Catford Branch used a topical theme with the launching of the U.K.4. Moon rocket. North London Ward's very original show was entitled "The Brick Ladder" and the scene was set inside a toy box where the rebellious toys planned an unsuccessful escape from their imprisonment. Both costumes and script won "Oscars".

"Only One Lesson" on the theme of some unsuccessful driving was Luton Ward's presentation, which gave them the opportuunity to show some beautiful Edwardian costumes. Romford Ward's show was called "Dr. Scholl's Shoe Box". Croydon Brancn's "Moonlight Escapade" won them "Oscars" for scenery, in particular a magnificent moon rocket, and for lighting. "Put the World Right" was Epsom's choice, which was really remarkable for its original music composed by Dorothy and Bill Sheppard, and won them an "Oscar".

In all over 150 people took part in the shows, and over 300 watched in the performances.

★ Nearly 20 Beehive girls, with their parents and leaders enjoyed a Stake Beehive Honour Night on July 26th. Stake Beekeeper, Fawn Bartholemew, organised the event with the aid of the ward beekeepers. The Flower Ceremony was performed by the Gatherer of Beehive girls, and the Hive-Building Ceremony by the Guardian Beehive girls. Mothers of the Epsom Ward girls sang the song "My Beehive Girl" and groups of girls from different wards sang the various Beehive songs. Dawn Floyd of Epsom Ward and Susan Bradley of South London Ward talked on the Beehive class awards, and Pauine Doggett, Stake YWMIA president, spoke on the importance of the achievement behind the award.

Refreshments mirrored the Beehive colours of brown, gold and blue, with yellow fruit punch and yellow sponge cakes decorated with chocolate icing and blue Beehive motifs.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

★ On Saturday August 2nd, an Activity Day was held under the direction of CORNWALL District YWMIA President Crystal Pearce and her counsellors. The fun started with a four mile sponsored walk organised by Lesley-Margaret Seddon, and ended at Portreath beach where Elisabeth Bray soon had everyone enjoying games and a Baseball match.

In the evening a Folk Dance was held in the Redruth Hall, with Mr. John Searle of the Kernew 900 Folk Dance club in charge of the proceedings. Over 70 members and friends took part in the activities, and £10 was raised for the M.I.A. funds. Refreshments were generously provided by the Relief Society sisters.

★ At a recent District Conference, Graham and Crystal Pearce were presented with their Master M Man and Golden Gleaner awards by President Albert Gadsby, a counsellor to the Mission President.

Brother Pearce is the Cornwall District President and Sis. Pearce the District YWMIA President.

★ St. Austell Branch held a social in July, to welcome Brother and Sister Maurice Baker from Utah, who are full time missionaries now serving in the branch as Branch President and auxiliary advisor.

Members from other branches were also present, and everyone had an enjoyable evening of games and dancing organised by Philip Rogers.

★ A great-grand-daughter of President Wilford Woodruff is currently serving as a missionary in the British South Mission and she and her husband are assigned to the London Temple.

Bro. & Sis. Arnold S. Perry of the Glines Ward, Ashley Stake, Vernal, Eastern Utah, have two children and 10 grandchildren. Bro. Perry filled a mission in the Western States and also a stake mission. They have held positions in all of the auxiliaries.

Sis. Perry worked 20 years as a secretary for the school board in eastern Utah. Bro. Perry also worked for the Uintah School District and farmed. He was president of the ward choir and she was ward organist.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ A happy bunch of saints from HEREFORD travelled to Weston-super-Mare recently to take part in a volleyball tournament organised by the local branch. They managed to reach the final, but were beaten by Bristol two sets to one. This did not daunt their spirits however, and they expressed their gratitude to all the Weston saints for a most memorable weekend.

★ Karen Bandy, a young member of the BEDFORD Branch, recently won a scholarship to visit Belgium for one week. To win this award, Karen had to have a knowledge of the people of



Hereford volleyball team.



Hereford Jr. Sunday School with Supt. Graham Burton, Sis. Myra Burton, the co-ordinator and teachers Elder Bunjes and Julie Prosser.

Belgium, their religion, education, politics and finance. The competition was judged by the wife of the Belgium Ambassador. Karen's sister, Kristine, also won an identical award the previous month, so they will be going together.

The Bedford M.I.A. celebrated pioneer Day on July 26th, with all the settlers and their wimmin, going to St. Peter's Hall for a fine social. Everyone wore their western duds and there wus plenty of good grub and lots of singin!

BRITISH MISSION

★ On August 5th the NORWICH M.I.A. held their closing social. Trevor Bidle conducted the evening's entertainment, which was devoted mostly to music, some of which was selected by those who attended, and the remainder was provided by the Branch Group, "The Clowns". Fifty people participated not only in the dancing but also in games of skill and comedy. Refreshments of hot dogs concluded a successful evening.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ Nine members of the PETERLEE Branch spent an enjoyable week at the Temple from July 25th to August 2nd. They had the pleasure of performing 500 baptisms and 85 endowments, and they also enjoyed the company of about 40 members from the Dundee District.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ The Branch Primaries of the Scottish North District held their Trail Builder Round-Up on July 23rd at the Bingham Terrace Chapel, Dundee. It was well supported by the boys, their fathers and teachers.

The Trail Builders explained to their visitors the path they had travelled during the past year in Primary, whilst along the trail to the Priesthood. Afterwards there were some energetic games followed by a sing-song in true campfire style.

The evening finished with a meal of minced beef pie and beans, trifle and orangeade. The cultural hall had been appropriately decked out to suit the occasion, the masterpiece being the kitchen hatch decorated in the form of a covered wagon.

★ Mothers and daughters of the Scottish North District had an enjoyable evening in the Dundee East Chapel when the Branch Primaries met together for their Lihoma Holiday on Aug. 20th. This year's theme was International Travel, and the games and decorations were chosen appropriately.

During the evening four girls from the Dundee East Branch, and two girls from the Kirkcaldy Branch were presented with their Graduation Scrolls by the District Primary Pres. Anne Crook. Journey's end for the evening's travel was a very appetising buffet supper.

★ On Aug. 2nd a picnic was planned for members and friends of the ABERDEEN Branch, but the weatherman was not good to the Latter-day Saints, and the picnic had to be held in he cultural hall. Fifty people attended and there were pies, sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, crisps and orange juice for all, plus the usual games and fun, so everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves despite the weather.

The branch suffered another disappointment on the 16th, when vandals tore out rose bushes, broke them and scattered the pieces and petals all over the lovely lawns. The Church garden was due to be judged in the Annual Garden Competition, in which they took first place last year. Pres. Tommy Thomson worked hard to restore the damaged garden, even though he was supposed to be on holiday, and fortunately the vandals had missed another display of roses, so when the judges arrived on the Tuesday, Aberdeen Branch were still able to give a good showing, and their efforts gained them 2nd place.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ Graham Stott, who has just finished 3 years at Jesus College, Oxford, where he gained his B.A., has now been called on a full time mission in the British South Mission. Whilst at Oxford, he helped to form the Deseret Club, the first of its kind organised outside

the American continent. He later became president of the club, and helped to organise the first two All British L.D.S. Students' Conventions. Although Graham belongs to the Oxford Branch in the British South Mission, his home branch is at Walsall in the Leicester Stake.

★ Nearly £100 was made for the Walsall Branch Building Fund by a sponsored walk on July 19th. It was an ideal day, dry but not too hot, and apart from the money obtained, the fun and friendship made it a day to remember.

Trade was brisk at the L.D.S. stall on WALSALL market on Aug. 16th. The local Corporation allows one free stall a year to each charity, and this particular day was the turn of the Church. Home made bread, cakes, pastries and jam were sold as fast as they arrived, and the second hand clothing was also very popular. Lots of extra coat hangers were lent by a shop across the road from the stall, and such friendliness added to the pleasure of the day.

The stall was well advertised by members handing out handbills at all entrances to the market, and a profit of £50 was made. The sisters found it hard work, but enjoyed being part of the Market life.

★ TIME in all its forms was portrayed in the Stake Roadshow this year, from "doing time" of convicts to "Summertime on the Beach". There was great variety in the shows and for the large audience, plenty of fun and laughter. The stake was divided into two zones to choose two entries for the Stake Central British Mission M.Men/Gleaner Convention at Nottingham University in September.

The overall winner was Woodsetton, with a very slick and colourful presentation. The groan jokes of their "woodworms" popping out of a large grandfather clock were loved by the audience. The winner in the other zone was Nottingham, another bright and cheerful production featuring a cuckoo clock.

The judges were very pleased with the high standard and specially praised the script of the Derby Ward, and the costumes of Walsall. Bob Sherratt was an excellent compere, while Leicester Folk group and John Mills of Walsall ensured continuity with their singing between shows.

Points awarded by the adjudicators are as follows:-

Zone One:	**Zone Two:**
Nottingham 182.	Woodsetton 183.
Birmingham 169.	Leicester 176.
Walsall 136.	Mansfield 150.
Sth Birmingham 135.	Derby 148.

★ "The Mormons are here with a BANG", said the large colourful poster on the front of the carnival lorry, and sure enough it proved true to the word! In fact the Woodsetton saints could not have caused a bigger bang at Tipton Carnival if they had tried. It happened when their outsize lorry, the biggest in the parade, carrying their float "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" tried to enter the Jubilee Park gates, and not surprisingly got stuck.

With flustered policemen scratching their hot brows in desparation and thousands of anxious visitors baking in the fierce sun unable to get in to enjoy the Carnival fun, the situation looked impossible. Then someone suggested knocking down the large admission shed, which promptly fell apart, and at last the troublesome lorry, with its embarrassed saints, was able to sail through to its destination smoothly.

Naturally enough, the mishaps only added to the fun of the day, and despite the confusion they caused, the Judges considered their gay entry worthy of third prize in the adults section. That made the toil and worry of the preceeding weeks worth while.

Woodsetton Ward presented a colourful 2½ hour Variety Show, for the benefit of a group of old aged pensioners recently. After the opening number, "There's no business like Show Business", which included the whole company, John Bond got up to his old tricks as a master magician. Then a moustached Margaret Davies and pig-tailed Gwenda Hughes appeared as rip-roaring "Glen and Ellie May" in their hilarious "Buttons and Bows" number. A more sobering touch was given by Helen Craven singing and Enid Smith playing the zither, and then another lively spot with Chris Rollason, Maureen Cross and Lynn Harrison inviting some of the old people to ex-artist Harry Harrison of the "West Bromwich News" had the audience in stiches with his Black Country poems and jokes.

Also in the show were the Relief Society, the Wednesfield Folk Group, comedian Bob Stanton, Maureen Nichol, Lynn Harrison, Gill Egginton, Lori Snaith and show organiser Sandra Rowe. The evening closed with a round of com munity singing, and the old folks were reluctant to go home after their spectacular night out.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

☆ March 25th—To Rupert and Mae Rock, Lisbury Branch, a daughter, Beryl Michell and a sister for Rupert and Carol.

★ March 31st—To Michael and Sandra Adamson, York Branch, North British Mission, a son, Craig John.

★ June 24th—To Alwyn and Pauline Pooley, York Branch, North British Mission, a daughter Wendy Jayne.

★ July 1st—To John and Kathleen Gore, York Branch, North British Mission, a son, Matthew John.

★ July 14th—To Raymond and Jean Yoward, York Branch, North British Mission, a daughter, Marie Clare.

★ July 15th—To Jack and Jean Perkis, Leeds Stake, a son, Andrew.

★ July 30th—To William and Heather Kilgour, Norwich Branch, British Mission, a son, Andrew John.

★ August 1st—To Alan and Rosalind Whyte, (nee Cullingford) Norwich Branch, British Mission, a son, Robert Alan.

★ August 2nd—To Gary and Patricia Price, (nee McElderry) formerly of Peterlee Branch, now of Ogden, Utah, a son, Lorey Ernest.

★ June 14th—To Margaret and John Trevor of Croydon Branch, London Stake, a son, Justin Daniel.

★ To Derek and Muriel Cuthbert, Birmingham Ward, Leicester Stake, tenth child—sixth daughter, Jenny May.

MARRIAGES

★ On Saturday, June 28th, Alan Downing and Barbara Goodenough were married in the Newton Aycliffe Chapel by the groom's father, Bishop Downing. Christopher Peacock acted as bestman and the little bridesmaids were Alison and Aileen Downing and Janet Goodenough. The bride wore a dress of cream brocade and was given away by her father.



LATE NEWS

BRITISH MISSION

★ On July 19th the ESSEX District Primary Rally was held at Southend Chapel and about 100 people took part in the races and games organised by Primary Pres. Sister Pope, and Clinton Lee, 2nd counsellor in the District Presidency. The children had all sorts of fun including a "limbo" stick contest. Parents and other adults were also given a chance to show their skills at all the events. Some of the members present had walked 23 miles from GRAYS Branch, to raise money for M.I.A. funds to pay convention costs. It was a grand effort raising over £33, only one did not cover the whole distance, he only managed 18 miles, but for a lad of 7 years that was not bad!

The District M.I.A. held a combined Midsummer Night Dance on July 26th at Southend. The theme was Shakespear's Midsummer Nights Dream", and during the interval the "Grand March" for the Convention was performed.

M.I.A. again used Southend Chapel on August 2nd for the Roadshow Finals. Three branches competed, the standard of the entries being very high. The theme was "Climb every Mountain". Grays Branch chose a mountain hut in a tumbled down shape that was to be the convention home of a group, and how this "mountainous" problem was overcome.

Chelmsford branch went animal and turned the mountain into a molehill. Their story was of a fat lazy mole who finally saw his goal and with the help of his animal friends, a spider, a wasp and a ladybird, (all dressed in painted cardboard costumes) and his cousin from Australia, he overcame his mountain.

The winning show was that of Ilford branch, who had two missionaries sent to the hilly-billy township of "Every", and how these two lads faced up to the problems of hilly-billy "Feudin and fightin". The story ended when they found the treasure that all the rumpus was about, up the mountain. It was the Golden Plates or the Book of Mormon.

HAMBURG STAKE LEADERS PLAN

BRITISH TOUR

★ A very happy evening was spent at the Central British Mission Home in August, when leaders of the HAMBURG Stake M.I.A. joined Mission leaders in a fireside testimony meeting.

Plans were also made for a group of 40/50 young people from the Hamburg Stake to tour the Mission in 1970. This will be part of a two week visit, combining holiday with dance and singing presentations for the benefit of the English saints and their friends.

B.Sc. Degree Earned With Honours

★ STEWART THOMAS MILLAR, son of Bro. and Sis. T. N. L. Milllar has been awarded a B.Sc. degree with honours by Queens University, Belfast.



Stewart has always been a hard worker both at school and in church offices. He went from primary school to Newtownwards Technical when he was eleven, and gained his Junior and Senior Certificates with distinctions and credits, he then left to take up an apprenticeship with International Computers. At evening classes he gained both Junior and Senior trade Scholarships which enabled him to attend Belfast Technical College full time. In the two years that followed he was awarded his Ordinary National Certificate and then went on to Queens University.

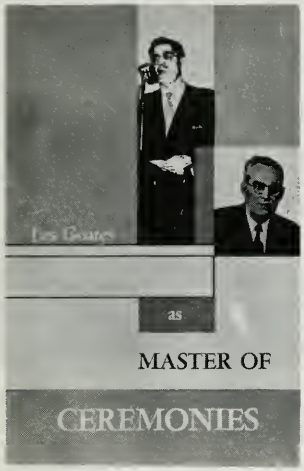
At the same time he continued to be active in the Church, and being interested in Scouting served as a Patrol Leader and for sometime as assistant Scout Master. He was also secretary to both M.I.A. and Sunday School, and then he became Sunday School Superintendent. At Mountpottinger Branch, he was a counsellor to the Branch President, but was released from this position during his final year at University.

Stewart has now left his native Belfast and moved to England to take up a position as Trainee Systems Analyst with International Computers Ltd., at Stevenage, Herts.

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Georgia Stake Dance teams performing at June Conference festival.

A First Visit To M. I. A. June Conference

By Mary Pochin

There was bustle and activity in Manchester and the home of President Weightman on June 22nd. Saints were arriving from all over Britain at bus and train stations. A shuttle service of all available cars were directed to meet them. There was a warm welcome at President Weightman's, and then a redirection off to sleeping quarters so kindly provided by Manchester Saints so that all should be ready for the early start next morning. It was a warm and happy start to our flight to Salt Lake City and June Conference.

We certainly were made to feel at home when we got there too, with cool rain laid on with the warm American welcome. But June weather did come, and there was conference,

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Elders Craig Paterson, and left Brian H. Noyce, presenting discussions on lesson to Sis. Doris Donaldson of Belfast.

Riots Bring New Experiences To Missionaries In Ireland

By Monitor C. Noyce

Within the riot area of Belfast, Ireland, is one of the newest branches in the Church. The branch is less than two months old but many of its members are stalwarts fortified with strong testimonies.

Attending the Belfast Central Branch on August 10th, Sister Noyce and I and our son, Elder Brian H. Noyce, a missionary in this district, and his companion Elder Craig Peterson, we found the same wonderful spirit and greeting which prevails at all Latter-day Saint gatherings.

Fortunately none of the Church members had been caused any suffering or misfortuune though many of the Central Branch membership live on the Shankill Road, Crumlin Road, and other streets which have figured in the riot news.

During the first riot, the first week in August, the branch Saturday evening social was cancelled because of the riot. On Sunday the branch membership met conjointly with the Cavehill Branch, the parent branch, from which the Central Branch was formed the previous month.

Branch Pres. Alan Pritchard is the only High Priest in the branch. He and his family moved to Belfast only 18 months ago from Manchester, England. He noted that the branch hall was not affected by the mobs, but the sub-post office on the ground floor of the building on Shankill Road had its windows smashed.

As we toured the area we saw the block upon blocks of destruction, hundreds of windows broken, several buildings burned. Residents of the area stand in front of their homes with a look of suspicion upon strangers attracted to the scene, and wary as to "what is next." (Since our visit there of course, more serious rioting flared the following week, in which troops and arms were used to bring an eerie peace to the area.)

It is difficult to believe that such rampant destruction was caused in the name of religion, in this day when man is said to be so civilised.

That Saturday night (Aug. 2nd) two missionaries, filled with the peace and spirit of the Lord, calmly went about giving a fifth discussion lesson to an investigator, in the centre of all the violence. Elders Peterson and Noyce, both of Salt Lake City, continued their discussion despite the brick-throwing, screaming atmosphere less than 10 feet from them in the street outside the windows.

"There was an awful noise. It sounded like a herd of cattle coming down the street," said Sister Doris Donaldson, their investigator. (She was baptised Aug. 14). "I heard the mob say, 'let's put somebody out.' "

"How terrible," Elder Noyce remarked.

"We looked out into the street and saw hundreds of people running past as the riot police charged them," Sis. Donaldson said.

Her neighbour next door, Sis. Carol Holmes, who joined the Church early in the year, was the only member of the Branch injured in the riots. The mother of three small children, she had some difficulty in getting the children to settle down that night. Late in the evening she stepped outside her front door just as the riot police made

a charge on the mobsters. As the mob turned to flee, one of them kicked Sis. Holmes on her ankle.

"There was so much noise no one could sleep. It was terribly noisy for three nights. It was 5 o'clock in the morning before I got to sleep," said Sister Holmes.

Elder Peterson said he and his companion saw much looting going on in the area.

A number of families in a neighbourhood of the minority (Protestants were dragged from their homes, by the Catholics, their furniture stacked in the street and burned. In retaliation the Protestants went to the area where Caholics are in the minority and told them they had one hour to get out. Later the same evening an "exchange" of houses for the minorities of each area was arranged. Since then the Union Jack has flown from the houses seemingly as a token of protection.

Also during this period of unrest in Belfast the Mormon missionaries have been assisting the local branch members, particularly Rosetta, to finish its new chapel. Generally missionaries no longer help with construction but because of a very rigid construction schedule missionaries have given one half of their preparation day in the past several weeks to speed the completion of the chapel.

The proselyting efforts of the missionaries and reactivation of a number of one-time good members means that the branches are growing. The new Central Branch already has outgrown its present quarters and Pres. Pritchard hopes soon to have a larger hall made available.

SUNDERLAND WARD

★ Sunderland's history dates back to Saxon times when it was known as Wearmouth and since that time it has grown to be the largest city in the county of Durham. Until recently it enjoyed the privilege of being the largest shipbuilding town in total tonnage in the world. The Church of St. Peter which was built in the sixth century at the mouth of the Wear is still in existence. A coastal resort, Sunderland has a very fine beach and promenade at Roker and Seaburn. The main industries are shipbuilding and mining. The population is about 200,000 citizens.

The Stake House, completed in March 1965, is in Sunderland. Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Twelve, dedicated it on Sept. 1, 1967. Previous to this time meetings were held at 18 Tunstall Road, originally an old converted garage which was extended and made inhabitable by the strenuous efforts of the saints who spent many hours cleaning and redecorating.



Inverness branch members at Black Isle Beach Party.

Successful Beach Party Held By Inverness Branch

★ A very successful beach party was held recently at the famous Black Isle and Moray Firth area by the Inverness Branch of the Scottish Mission.

Branch Pres. Alan S. Condie reports 45 members present plus several from the Elgin Branch 45 miles distant and an investigator family of seven.

After taking the ferry from South Kessock a bus took the group through scenic couuntry to the beach at Rosemackie. Here swimming, football and a "general good time" was enjoyed by all.

Sis. Williamson, Relief Society president and Sis. Ross, her secretary, supervised the food preparation.

Pres. Condie reports the branch is growing "with a wonderful spirit and six recent converts. We feel particularly blessed, in view of the fact, that we have had only one convert batism in the last five years. Attendance and contributions have doubled. The Lord continues to bless us and we will have more convert baptisms in the future."

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printer and custodian and she is invoice clerk in the purchasing and furnishings office.

The Bennetts have two sons, the eldest of which recently married.

During his more than 21 years in the Church Bro. Bennett has served three times as branch president, in every position in the Sunday School and numerous other jobs. He joined the Church at Rugby where a chapel is now planned.

Diane, married, lives in Sutton and is a member of the Epsom Ward.

Heather Green came to the Construction Department nearly a year ago firstly as receptionist and the past several months as secretary to Bro. Dent. Her father is in charge of the Real Estate Department. She is age-group counselor in the YWMIA.

Star Exerpts

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"Everyone almost has peculiarly original traits of character. Those that are noble can be improved by cultivation, and the pernicious ones may be overcome."

"We are unused to self-criticism. Some of our very faults we mistake for virtues. Until we can learn the habit of home correction we need not hope to become very nearly perfect."

"Self reproof may bring no laurels while we tarry on this earth, but it is a triumph over ignorance and blindness of which the angels will take note. Cultivate then a disposition to be entirely honest with 'myself' and in doing so, you will be very sure to deal fairly with others." From woman's Exponent ...

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OF CORNWALL

'Twas green the hill I walked upon
And soft the grass I sat thereon
To reflect and see
All that passed before me
In sight, in thought,
As the Cornish wind brought
To me
A peacefulness.
I saw the gorse, thorny, fair
Golden flowers dotting her hair
Strewn o'er the earth until
Passage was nil:
On that noble countryside
Where I went there to abide
Of times past,
Forever gone.
I heard the surf of the pounding sea
It told the tale of its shores to me;
The castle ruins where men were slain
Beside the scars of modern wars pain;
But now, a peaceful scene
Sweet and clean
As it had been
When He came.
I saw the coastline round and spread
A watery grave for those mislead
The granite hedges roadside along
Told the tale of whose land did belong
The narrow roads did to me look
Like those seen in a fairy tale book;
From reality into fantasy
For moments only.
I then recalled the Englishmen I knew
As I thought, my fondness grew;
The people, the land, the whispering sea
What did it all mean to me?
A love for all that was to be
For this above all
I thank Thee.

—by Duane Jensen, of Logan, Utah
(former missionary in the Southwest British Mission)

ON THE CLIFFS OF OLD TYNEMOUTH

Oh, the cliffs of Old Tynemouth
They're wild and they're sweet
And dear are the waters that roll at their feet,
And the old ruined abbey, it ne'er shall depart.
'Tis joy of my fancy, the home of my heart
Oh 'twas there that my childhood fled cheerful and gay.
There I loitered the morning of boyhood away.
And now as I wander the old beach alone,
The waves seem to whisper the names that are gone.
Other lands may be fairer but nought can be seen
Like the shore where our first love and boyhood have been.
Oh! give me the cliffs and the wild rolling sea,
The cliffs of Old Tynemouth forever for me.

THE SAVIOUR

I never saw Him on the hill
Or standing on the shore alone,
I never heard His voice, but know
His words, as if they were my own.
I never watched Him teach the crowd
Or saw His face, or marked the way
He broke the bread or healed the sick,
Yet still His presence, all the day
Is with me, and within my eyes,
My heart, this very soul of mine
He sees and feels and knows the thoughts
His spirit leads me all the time.

—Carol Kraus
Middlesborough Ward



Members charter flight waiting at Manchester airport.

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and the centenary of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Asociation, and all the activities associated with it.

To one first coming to June conference, its gaiety and vitality stand out. From the early morning queuing in Temple Square to the sound of scouts singing, to the final talk in the tabernacle, there was a youhful joy. And everywhere was colour—the brilliant masses of petunias against the white walls in Temple Square,, the green and gold swathes round the tabernacle balcony, the bowls of golden flowers, and the attractive yellow dresses of the girls centennial chorus which made a field of gold up to the organ.

There was additional 'colour' in the music too, with the spine chilling trumpets in the centennial hymn which followed the conference telegrams from the highest in the land and church. Then between the talks were the dramatic representations—the moving introduction to the MIA theme, the colourful and spirited musical parent-youth programme. Who wouldn't want to save and queue to go there?

But there was so much else to see



Some of the passengers on plane en route to MIA June Conference.

—road shows, music and drama festivals, a centennial sunrise service —another visit would be needed to sample them all.

For the British visitor there was the additional excitement of seeing the Glasgow Stake Scottish Dance team in the dance festival, and noticing the Union Jack badge on the breast of Sister Pauline Doggett of the YWMIA President of London Stake, as she sat on the stand in the tabernacle before giving the opening prayer to the Friday afternoon conference session.

Most of all, of course, was the spirituality gained from the talks of the General Authorities, highlighted by the emotion felt as the whole tabernacle congregation rose to sing 'carry on'—tears flowed and hearts seemed as if they would burst as the organ pealed out and voices rose in that final, "Youth of the noble birthright, carry on, carry on, carry on."

So it was a happy and inspired plane-load of saints that flew home on July 14th—they had even had an extra day there too, owing to bad weather holding up the plane, while some of the members stayed at the Hotel Utah!—and all are very grateful for all President Weightman did in organising the trip.



Aberdeen Sisters at a work meeting.

Unique Relief Society Presidency

★ There is a unique Relief Society Presidency in the Aberdeen Branch of the Scottish Mission. Pres. Francis Dunlop comes from Palmerston, New Zealand, and her 1st counselor Peggy Albiston was brought up in India and lived their for 20 years. 2nd Counsellor Fay Christie was previously President of the Falkirk Branch. before moving to Aberdeen. They have used the ideas and customs from their various countries to make their Relief Society interesing, entertaining and instructive. All have wide experience in Church activities and enjoy Relief Society work.



R.A. Pres. Francis Dunlop, Counsillors Peggy Albiston and Fay Christie; Sec. Lorraine Fraser.





The plea of many in this lay is, that we have no right to receive revelations; but if we do not get revelations, we do not have the oracles of God; and if they have not the oracles of God they are not the people of God. But say you, What will become of the world, or the various professors of religion who do not believe in revelation and the oracles of God as continued to His Church in all ages of the world, when He has a people on earth? I tell you, in the name of Jesus Christ, they will be damned; and when you get into the eternal world, you will find it will be so, they cannot escape the damnation of hell.

—Joseph Smith

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The work of the Lord must not be postponed . . .

When the Lord brought forth the record book of Mormon to Joseph Smith in this dispensation, He committed to His Church with that important record the responsibility of taking to the Indian and Lamanite people the knowledge of their forefathers and the fulness of the Gospel, which record also includes the Lord's promises to them as a branch of the house of Israel.

In the Doctrine and Covenants, section 3, the Lord, after reproving the Prophet Joseph Smith for the loss of certain manuscripts relating to the first part of the Book of Mormon, declared:

"Nevertheless, my work shall go forth, for inasmuch as the knowledge of a Saviour has come unto the world, through the testimony of the Jews, even so shall the knowledge of a Saviour come unto my people . . . " . . . through the testimony of their fathers . . .

"And this testimony shall come to the knowledge of the Lamanites, and the Lamuelites, and the Ishmaelites, who dwindled in unbelief because of the iniquity of their fathers, whom the Lord has suffered to destroy their brethen the Nephites, because of their iniquities and their abominations.

"And for this very purpose are these plates preserved, which contain these records that the promises of the Lord might be fulfilled, which he made to his people;

"And that the Lamanites might come to the knowledge of their fathers, and that they might know the promises of the Lord, and that they may believe the gospel and rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ, and be glorified through faith in his name, and that through their repentance they might be saved." (D & C 3: 16—20).

Very shortly after this revelation

Behold. . .go unto the Lamanites and preach my Gospel unto them

was given, the Lord gave another revelation that instructed the Prophet to open the work among the Lamanites, as we learn in reading section 28 of the Doctrine and Convenants, wherein Oliver Cowdrey was called as the first missionary to the Indians from the newly restored Church. The assignment reads:

"And now, behold, I say unto you that you shall go unto the Lamanites and preach my gospel unto them; and inasmuch as they receive thy teachings thou shalt cause my church to be established among them . . . "
(Ibid., 28:8.)

Three others were later appointed by revelation to accompany Oliver Cowdrey on his first mission to the Indian people.

President Brigham Young gave much prayerful thought and attention to promoting the Gospel among the Indians and in establishing friendly relations between them and the Saints.

President John Taylor was greatly concerned about an active Lamanite program, for he declared:

"The work of the Lord among the Lamanites must not be postponed, if we desire to retain the approval of God. Thus far we have been content simply to baptise them and let them run wild again, but this must continue no longer; the same devoted effort, the same care in instructing, the same organisation of priesthood must be introduced and maintained among the house of Lehi as amongst those of Israel gathered from gentile nations. As yet, God has been doing all, and we comparatively nothing. He has led many of them to us, and they have been baptised, and now we must instruct them further and organise them into churches with proper presidencies, attach them to our stakes, organisations, etc. In one word, treat them exactly in these respects, as we would and do treat our white brethen."

by Elder Delbert L. Stapley

God would hold us accountable if we failed . . .

(The Gospel Kingdom, p. 247.)

President Wilford Woodruff stated:

"I am satisfied that, although we have done a little for the Lamanies, we have got to do a great deal more. (The Discourses of Wilford Woodruff, p. 296.)

President George Albert Smith, in reinaugurating work among the Indians during his administration, strongly emphasised the importance of the Church mission to the Indians in these simple yet dynamic words:

"The day is here for the Gospel to go to the Lamanites, and we must never fail them again."

This was later reaffirmed by President David O. McKay when he emphatically declared: "God would hold us accountable if we failed."

These statements make unmistakably clear what our duty is to the Indian people. We should not deny to them longer their full rights and opportunities for blessings. We must always remember, we alone have the authentic record which furnishes the true origin of the American Indians, their history and God's work and gospel teachings among them. Great are the promises of the Lord unto the Indians, which spiritual blessings this people alone hold the keys, rights, and powers to grant and bestow upon them.

In a sense I do not feel sorry for the Indian people because they are children of promise, belonging as they do to the house of Israel and are the posterity of Abraham, the father of the faithful, through whose lineage the Lord promised that all nations of the earth are to be blessed; therefore, they are a chosen race and people unto God, possessing a divine and royal heritage.

However, I do feel sorry about the lack of privileges, denial of citizenship rights, and insufficient opportunities for schooling and culture which continue to shroud them in darkness and despair. There are too many of them in

our modern day, living under most primitive conditions and circumstances which destroy faith, initiative, ambition, and confidence.

That it required hundreds of years for the Indians to reach their low state of degeneracy does not allow the Church—or the nation—unlimited time to return them to the high civilisation and spiritual activation they once enjoyed, nor the opportunities and blessings of our present enlightened era of scientific knowledge, productive achievement and culture.

Our apparent insufficient interest and somewhat unsatisfactory follow-up of the Prophet Joseph Smith's taking the Book of Mormon and the Gospel to the Indian as well as partial failure to heed the counsel of all presidents of the Church in relation to this programme, is an indictment against us and represents a challenge and an obligation we cannot afford longer to ignore.



Elder Stapley
Council of the Twelve

It is unfortunate that we have permitted others to indoctrinate them to different ways of life than that of their fathers as recorded in the Book of Mormon. Our efforts over the years have not been sustained, but intermittent, and each stoppage of activity causes us to lose ground and permits others to become more firmly entrenched, creating a serious proselyting problem which could in large measure have been avoided. The Indians themselves have childed the missionaries about such conditions and occurrences.

Without question in my mind, we must fulfil completely the Church duty to the Indians and thus lay suitable plans to prevent any future departure

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In God there is no darkness at all . . .

I would like to bear my testimony, and I would like to turn to the spriri of love found in the Epistle of John, the beloved aspostle:

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all," (1 John 1:5.)

Sometimes we like to create a little darkness to hide in, but in God there is no darkness at all.

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin . . .

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Very powerful, yet to the point and needs no private interpretation.

"But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

" He that saith he abideth in him ouught himself also so to walk, even as he walked . . .

"He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

"But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes . . .

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love . . .

"And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also." (1 John 1:6-7; 2:3-6,

Whoso keepeth His word, in him is the love of God perfected

9-11; 4:7-8, 21)

I would like to turn to the Gospel of John and read the Saviour's parting words prior to His ascension, wherein He tells Peter how he can show his love for Him.

" . . . Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs." (John 21:15.)

Feed my children.

There has been a great family youth-parent programme, going forward in the mission field.

"He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep." (Ibid., 21:16)

Feed the parents.

"He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep." (Ibid., 21:17.)

We can all show our love for our Saviour Jesus Christ by feeding the lambs and the sheep. Every member a missionary! Each member to bring one or more members into the Church each year!

I pray for the ability and inspiration to serve the Lord and my fellow men. I am thankful for the atonement of our Saviour Jesus Christ and for the principle of repentance. Repentance has a forward look, a new look, a better Christian life. I pray to live and practice the principle of repentance.

I know that God lives. He has manifested Himself in our day with His blessings many times.

With love in my heart for my Heavenly Father I desire to show my love by serving my fellow men.

by Elder Bernard P. Brockbank

The Gospel changes the lives of people . . .

During our sojourn in South America we witnessed some significant changes among both men and nations. But of all of the changes that occur in the lives of people whom the Gospel touches, perhaps the greatest change occurs in the life and experience of the family—the basic unit in the Church and Society.

A recent convert expressed it this way: "Prior to the visit of the missionaries to my home, I lived what I considered to be the normal role of a husband. I held a job and provided for my wife and children. When I came home from work, I considered myself free from further responsibility to them. If I wanted to stay home, I did. If I did not want to stay home, I did not. Usually it was the latter. Much of my time was spent outside of the home.

"I considered it my wife's responsibility to rear the children. She was to see to it that they were fed and clothed and cared for. Occasionally she would take them to her church, but I felt that they should be completely free to make up their own minds about religion, as I had been. While I did not openly oppose their religious activity, I gave them no encouragement whatsoever.

"My wife and I must have loved each other, but I confess, I gave little evidence of it. I really considered that ours were two separate worlds; I had mine and she and the children had theirs. I thought that when the boys were older, they could join me in my activities. But until then they belonged in their mother's world. It was her duty to administer what discipline was necessary. I did not meddle in her affairs, except occasionally when the situation needed my husbandly authority, and it usually did not take

No-one ever told me before that I would find joy in everyday living

me very long to settle that.

"Well," he concluded, "that was what I called my 'family life.' As I look back on it now, it seems as though I were almost a stranger in my own house and a part-time husband to my wife."

After such an admission, I pressed him for a description of the changes that had lately occurred in his life. He gladly explained it this way: "While I was being taught the restored Gospel, I did not think that I could or would or even wanted to change my way of life. Only after I began to study and pray did I realise that a change would shortly be inevitable.

"At length I received a testimony that the Gospel of Jesus Christ had indeed been restored and that there is a living prophet on the earth today. This was the turning point. It was after my baptism that the changes really began to occur in my, or more properly said, in our lives. For somehow, now, the oneness that we were supposed to have in our life and marriage actually became a reality. I think the reason was that I began to understand the sacredness of marriage and the need of honouring my marriage vows. In church I was taught the importance and joy of being faithful to my wife and honourable and worthy before my children.

"You know," he said, "no one ever told me before that I would find joy in everyday living merely by keeping the commandments of the Lord. I had been taught that our lot in this life was sorrow and pain and poverty, that only in the next life would we find the joy we longed for here.

"As we continued to attend the meetings of the Church, we learned the practical application of active church membership and how the principles of theology actually find their expression in everyday life.

"And now," he added, "we have

by Elder A.Theodore Tuttle

"I even find myself helping my wife . . ."

plenty of opportunity to practice all of the virtues we were being taught by accepting calls of service in the Church.

"For the first time," he continued, "I realised what my sons could become. I realised that they could be reared in the kind of atmosphere that produced the missionaries who brought the Gospel to my home. So I set about to teach my sons moral principles. I taught them that it was wrong to lie, to swear, to steal, to break any of the Ten Commandments.

"I taught them love of neighbour, because now I understood its application. I taught them reverence for sacred places and things. I now encouraged them in their church activity. I taught them that religion was not just for women, that character and faith in God were the hallmarks of a real man. We began to have fun together. I became a part of their world. I'm even beginning to speak and understand their language.

"I cannot begin to tell you," he said, "all of the new things I have learned about life since becoming a member of this Church. I now know the purpose of life. I know the way to eternal life—the teachings of the Church, even in a short time, have taught me that.

"But it has been in our home that the major changes occurred. I go to work, as usual, but now I always come home. I am not only an active participant in our family life, but I also preside by right of holding the priesthood. And I think I am learning something about exercising authority in love and patience and understanding.

"And you won't believe this," he continued, "but even though I am busier than I ever was (I am a counsellor in the branch presidency), I seem to have more time than ever before. Why, I even find myself occasionally helping my wife in the kitchen, and that's something I thought I'd never do. Knowing that the family unit is to be eternal has given

me a completely new view of the importance and purpose of family life.

"Well," he concluded, and his eyes were moist with tears of gratitude, "perhaps you can understand now why I am willing to serve the Lord, work in the Church, help my fellow man, and share the message that has brought such happiness to my life."



Elder Tuttle
First Council of Seventy

We have seen this change occur not in just this family but in literally hundreds of families. In fact, the missionaries have told me that it is a common experience for them to notice that the homes of the people they visit get cleaner each time they call to teach them more about the Gospel, and yet, they have said nothing about cleaning the house. This is one of the miracles of Mormonism. This and similar manifestations occur continually.

In Job we read: " . . . there is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." (Job 32:8).

What the light of the sun is to the flower, causing it to unfold from within and turn to the source of light, so the Gospel light is to the soul of man. It touches the inner life of man and without compulsion turns him to the source of light and truth.

The simple action of the faith of a youth . . .

I think of the words of Francis Bacon when he said, "God hangs the greatest weights upon the smallest wires,"—and I realise that many have had great weights placed upon them. In particular, am thinking of Joseph Smith who, as a boy, ventured into the unknown, searching for an answer to a query that came to him pertaining to some religious matters. In his innocence, he could not have known what lay before him as he sought his answer.

He said: "While I was labouring under the extreme difficulties caused by the contests of these parties of religionists, I was one day reading the Epistle of James, first chapter and fifth verse, which reads: **If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (Joseph Smith 2:11.)**

"So, in accordance with this, my determination to ask of God, I retired to the woods to make the attempt . . . It was the first time in my life that I had made such an attempt, for amidst all my anxieties I had never as yet made the attempt to pray vocally.

" . . . having looked around me, and finding myself alone, I kneeled down and began to offer up the desire of my heart to God . . . " (Ibid., 2:14-15.)

This simple action of the faith of a youth unfolded great truths to young Joseph. It was a reality that Satan stood by as a power of darkness and tried to overpower and destroy Joseph Smith, and he might have succeeded had it not been that God heard Joseph's supplication and appeared in the power of His light to dispel the evil.

Joseph said, " . . . I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun . . .

"It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy

God hangs the greatest weights upon the smallest wires

. . . When the light rested upon me saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other—**This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him."**

And in answer to the question, "Which should I join?" came the reply, " . . join none of them, for they were all wrong; . . . 'they draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof." (Ibid., 2:16-17, 19.) And Jesus instructed Joseph that further direction would come to him.

This is the testimony of a young lad on whom God placed the " very great weight" of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For the noble way in which he carried it throughout his life, we give him thanks, honour, praise, and admiration. Though he was subjected to ridicule and punishment, his testimony remained steadfast with the statement, " . . . **For I had seen a vision; I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it,** . . . " (Ibid., 2:25.)

Arthur E. Jensen makes this significant statement, "The only way an institution . . . can grow old is to stay young forever . . . Its officers must have ears trained to catch the signals, . . . "

That the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is growing old, while staying young, cannot be denied. Its officers and leaders "have ears trained to catch the signals" of inspiration as God reveals them.

George W. Cornell writes, " Such were the humble, ridiculed beginnings, 135 years ago, of a movement that today has become one of the most prosperous, diversified and fast expanding religious forces in the world . . . that it should have reached its present stature from its most unpromising origin is modern paradox."

by Elder John H. Vandenberg

God keeps His Church eternally young . . .

Some may wonder why?

The answer comes that this is not a work of man—it is the eternal work of God, re-established in proper order and authority in this last Dispensation of the Fulness of Times.

In the Book of Mormon, the ancient religious record of the inhabitants of North and South America, translated by the gift and power of God through Joseph Smith, is an explanation to the key of the vigour of this Church:

"For behold, God knowing all things, being from everlasting to everlasting . . . sent angels to minister unto the children of men, . . .

"And God also declared unto prophets, by his own mouth, . . .

"And behold, there were divers ways that he did manifest things unto the children of men, which were good; and all things which are good cometh of Christ; otherwise men were fallen, and there could no good thing come unto them." (Mormoni 7:22-24.)

It further states: **" . . . neither have angels ceased to minister unto the children of men . . .**

"And the office of their ministry is to call men unto repentance, and to fulfil and to do the work of the covenants of the Father, which he hath made unto the children of men, . . by declaring the word of Christ unto the chosen vessels of the Lord, . . .

"And so by doing . . . prepareth the way that the residue of men may have faith in Christ, . . . " (Ibid., 7:29, 31-32.)

Hereby God keeps His Church eternally young with vigour and power. He sends His ministering angels; He reveals His will to His prophets; and by divers means manifests truths to the children of men.

In the summer of 1828, the Lord revealed to the Prophet, " . . . Satan doth stir up the hearts of the people to contention concerning the points of my doctrine; and in these things they do err, for they do wrest the

scriptures and do not understand them.

"Therefore, I will unfold unto them this great mystery;

"For, behold, I will gather them as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, if they will not harden their hearts;

"Yea, if they will come, they may, and partake of the waters of life freely.

"Behold, this is my doctrine—whosoever repenteth and cometh unto me, the same is my church." (D & C 10:63-67.)

John the Baptist, commissioned by the Saviour, as a resurrected being and an angel of God, in May of 1829, ministered unto two of God's chosen vessels, Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and conferred upon them. " . . . the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; . . . " (Ibid., 13.)



Elder Vandenberg
Presiding Bishop

Here was the restoration of the authority to put into effect again the redeeming principles of the Gospel.

He again confirmed the validity of the forgiveness of wrongdoing. " . . . go, and sin no more," was his decree. (John 8:11.) This we must understand.

John Locke, the English philosopher, expresses it this way, "Repentance is a hearty sorrow for our past misdeeds, and a sincere obedience to the law of Christ for the remainder of our lives."

The ability to receive the blessings of repentance lies within our individual power. It is a never-ending endeavour There is no restriction to those who may achieve: All may partake of this gift from God.

The promise of Ezekiel is again made alive, " But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die." (Ezek. 18:21.)

The avenue of repentance is a thoroughfare which all may tread. It is the path to peace.

William Jennings Bryan gave us these words:

"I am glad that our Heavenly Father did not make the peace of the human heart to depend upon our ability to buy

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it with money, secure it in society or win it at the polls, for in either case but few could have obtained it, but when He made peace the reward of a conscience void of offense toward God and man, He put it within the reach of all. The poor can secure it as easily as the rich, the social outcasts as freely as the leaders of society, and the humblest citizen equally with those who wield political power." (From "The Prince of Peace.")

Elder Delbert L. Stapley

from a chosen course of intense missionary activity among them. We truly cannot afford to neglect them again. If called to an accounting by the Lord, could we vindicate the apparent indifference towards them?

The Lord has counselled that we are not to be commanded in all things and he that doeth not anything until he is commanded and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned. (See D & C 58:26.) The revelations make clear the Church path of duty. What additional direction is needed to awaken us to the importance of this God-given task?

The Indian cause and programme is not a dead issue in the Church today but continues a constant challenge and duty. We must regain through devoted service to the Indian, God's approval and blessing upon this most important assignment.

GLORIOUS ETERNAL TRUTHS

". . . for all truth, being eternal, is superior to reason in the sense of being manifest to reason but not a creation of reason. Nevertheless, truths are to be estimated and compared by exercise of reason."

". . . All truth is of value, above price indeed in its place; yet, with respect to their possible application some truths are of incomparable greater worth than others . . . a personal knowledge of God is essential to the salvation of every human soul that has attained to powers of judgment and discretion. The value of theological knowledge, therefore, ought not to be underrated; it is doubtful if its importance can be overestimated."

"Primarily, theology is the science that deals with God and religion; it presents the facts of observed and revealed truth in orderly array, and indicates the means of their application in the duties of life. Theology then has to do with other facts than those that are specifically called spiritual; its domain is that of truth."

JAMES E. TALMAGE

MY CALL

Youth is but a moment,
Upon a myriad of life
It flickers, flames—
Then burns and goes.
And into manhood
Swiftly goes,
And so stature attains.

May I respect this moving phase,
May I see the necessity
Of being to the youth I know,
An example of simplicity.

May I no hard boulder make,
O'er which they stumble in Thy path.
May I love and cherish each
And train their minds on Thy behalf.

That listening to Thy truth I give,
They will in love learn more of Thee.
And in due time, prepared and strong,
They will be called to teach—like me.

—Jean Rose Marie Beswick
Luton Ward, London Stake





Pussy that goes to Newcastle Ward

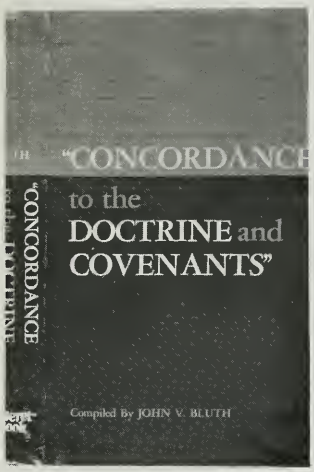
● Sister Millie Isaac's 6-year-old grey and white cat, Tibs, usually walks the half a mile to church with Sister Isaac and then patiently waits outside until she leaves the building to go home with her.



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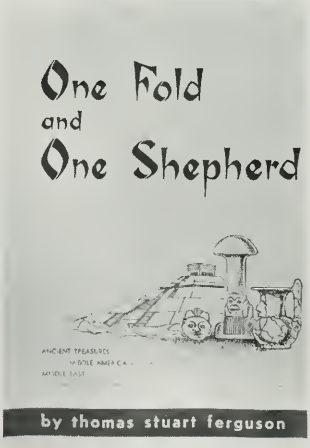
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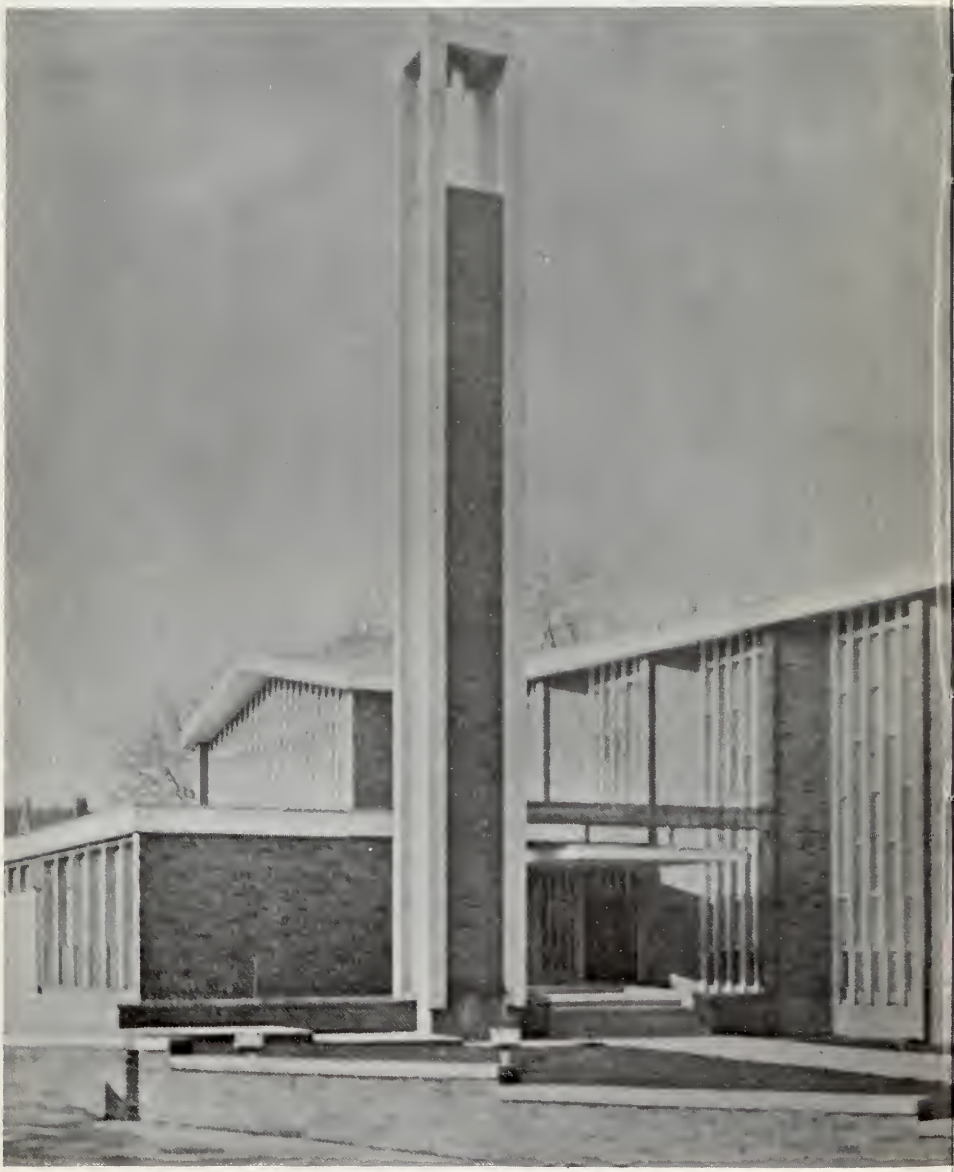
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This heading would seem, at first sight, to be an idle boast, but in the context of Fellowship in the Northeast it means exactly the opposite. We Know no rivals — for rivalry between the various wards and branches in the N.E. just does not exist. In its place we have a fine spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding which gives the lie to that oft repeated phrase "its rivalry that makes for progress."

This might well apply to the Sunderland Stake.

- **Sunderland Stake presidency, left to right, Arthur Beresford, Assistant Stake Clerk; Brian Smith, 1st Counsellor; Pres. Frederick W. Oates, James Smillie, 2nd Counsellor.**

- **Norman Griffiths, Stake Clerk**

- **High Council, left to right, John Gizzie, James R. Cunningham, Arthur Tarrant, Andrew Hancock. Not shown, John Lamb, William Lupton, Alan Ingram, Joseph Walker.**





● Relief Society presidency, front, Lucy Terrell, 2nd Counsellor; Ida Fenwick, president; Jane Hancock, 1st Counsellor; Sylvia Smillie, organist. Back, Rhona Cunningham, Doris Laurie, Sis. McNee who is also stake chorister.

● Elders Quorum presidents, left to right, Ian Warrilow, 2nd Quorum president; William Howes, 1st Quorum president; Alex Stewart, 1st Counsellor.







● Stake Mission presidency, left to right S. Crawnford, 1st Counsellor; G. Kennington, secretary; J. Davison, 2nd Counsellor; T. C. Kennington, president.

● Stake Sunday School superintendency, left to right, Supt. Dennis Noble, Grace Kennington, secretary; Trevor Kennington, 2nd Asst. Supt. Not shown, Ashley Hill, 1st Asst. Supt.

● Stake Primary presidency, left to right, Helen Marshall, 1st Counsellor; Gladys Oates, president; Jane Noble, 2nd Counsellor; Hilda Henwood. Inservice director; Margaret Bate, secretary, not shown. Sister Oates is also stake organist.



● **Stake MIA Boards, left to right, front, Lynn Mawlam, Valerie Hall, Ann Ingram, president; Sylvia Smillie. Back, Richard Dale, Jean Henwood, Mary Davidson, Doreen Laurie, Malcolm Hill, Supt. Geoffrey Mawlam.**

FACTS AND FIGURES

In the reign of Edward the Confessor, Tynemouth Priory and castle became the fortress of the Earl Toshia, brother of King Harold who was killed at the battle of Hastings.

In Shotley Bridge there is a house dated 1691 where the Solinger sword makers lived after they fled from Germany because of religious persecution. One of their swords is still in the keep of Newcastle Castle.

Stanley Zoo has only been in existence for 3 years but the owners who also own Flamingo Park in Yorkshire say it will soon be as big.









The Sunderland Co. of glassmakers was founded in 1698, and the company operating in the town at present is world famous for its renowed "Pyrex" ware.

In 672 A.D. the great historian, BEDE was born in Sunderland and died in Jarrow in 735 A.D.

The Tyne Bridge the second largest single span bridge in the world cost £1,200,000, and contains 4,000 tons of steel. (The Sydney Harbour Bridge is an exact replica.)

It is said that Daniel Defoe wrote "Robinson Crusoe" during his stay in Gateshead.

- **Sis. May Gardner, Hartlepool Ward, with display at Stake Relief Society Achievement Day.**
- **A group of Stake Missionaries leaving the Stake House ready to conduct a survey.**
- **Grace Kennington, Stake Millennial Star Representative, north area.**
- **Frances Stewart, Stake Millennial Star Representative, south area.**







BILLINGHAM WARD

The town of Billingham owes a great deal of its growth to the presence of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. which first operated in 1913. It developed rapidly to become the massive combine it is today. Several of the ward members work for this organisation, as do members from neighbouring wards.

Billingham has recently had its chapel dedicated — less than a year after the building's completion. This says much for the hard work carried by the members to raise funds.

The Billingham Chapel serves people living in Stockton, four miles away. No. 9 Finkle Street, Stockton, is the oldest existing shop in the town. It was erected in 1700 — using stone

- **Billingham Ward bishopric, left to right, William N. Hall, 2nd Counsellor; Bishop John T. A. Dale, Harry Beaumont, 1st Counsellor.**
- **Consett Branch presidency, left to right, Walter T. Smith, 1st Counsellor; Pres. Fenwick Davison, Thomas L. Gray, 2nd Counsellor and acting clerk.**
- **Blyth Branch Pres. James Cunningham.**

from Stockton Castle — which was destroyed on the orders of Oliver. Cromwell in 1654. In 1763 this shop belonged to Edmund Harvey, a pewterer by trade. He began a class for boys and he employed a woman to take a class of girls, teaching them sewing and other household arts on Sunday afternoons, after the children had been taken to church service. Today this shop is owned by a carpet firm and the manager is Bishop of Hartlepool Ward.

BLYTH BRANCH

Blyth Branch, formerly part of the North East British Mission, has recently become part of Sunderland Stake. Bro. James Cunningham of the high council presently presides over the branch. Blyth is a coastal town, famous for its Nautical Training School.

CONSETT BRANCH

Consett, under a number of names, has been on record since Henry VIII. In 1831 only 146 people lived here, compared to the nearly 6,000 presently counted. Scene of an old mining area, Consett, has only started to modernise itself in the past few years. With new buildings springing up everywhere it still has nothing to compare with Derwent Valley which has a beauty all its own, with its tree covered slopes and rolling moors. From here it is only a short distance to some of the most interesting walks through the old world villages of Blanchland, Lancester and Sanhope.

Father above create in me
The kind of person I ought to be
I know your blessings come from above
To all of those who accept Your love.

Sister May Davison
Consett Branch





● **Weddings — Ashley and Eilleen Hill were married in the Stake House on July 25.**

● **Preparing breakfast for the Second Annual LDS Students convention held at the Stake House, left to right, Kay L. Moorby, Susan Nellteship and Roger J. Perry.**





DARLINGTON BRANCH

The County Borough of Darlington is famous in connection with the Darlington to Stockton stretch of railway which was erected in 1821 by the famous Engineer George Stephenson. His "ROCKET" engine still stands in the centre of Darlington Station. The town still retains its importance as a railway junction and its industries still include engineering and iron works.

The Darlington Branch Presidency has been reorganised recently with Pres. Terrell suceeding Pres. William D Hardy, who was on a mission with his wife, and has now returned to America.

● **Darlington Branch presidency, left to right, G. McNee, 1st Counsellor; Pres. P. Terrell, J. Richmond, 2nd Counsellor.**

● **Gateshead Branch presidency, left to right, Dennis Shaw, 1st Counsellor; Pres. Tom Stewart, George Ham, 2nd Counsellor and Thomas Sinton, clerk.**







GATESHEAD BRANCH

Gateshead is situated about 10 miles from the sea—on the south bank of the River Tyne, adjacent to Newcastle Tyne. A stranger to the town may think that this is one large city spread on both banks but the people will soon make it quite clear that Gateshead is a self-contained town.

The Branch is making wonderful progress and is one of the most outstanding units in Sunderland Stake.

HARTLEPOOL WARD

Bishop J. Laurie of Hartlepool Ward is also a patriarch. He has a large family all of whom are active in the Church. Now there are three generations of Lauries in the ward as two of his sons are married and each has a young daughter.

Hartlepool is now famous for its heavy industrial firms and an American company is constructing a nuclear power station not far from the town. However, the history of Hartlepool goes back a long way. The first monastery formed in the northeast of Eng-

land was here, founded in 640 A.D. The famous St. Hilda was later abbess here, before she moved on to build the abbey named after her at Whitby in Yorkshire.

MIDDLESBROUGH WARD

Middlesbrough owes its existence to the railway which links it to Darlington. Early in 1827 the shareholders of the Stockton-Darlington Railway were faced with the necessity of providing a port that time Middlesbrough grew very rapidly, and was granted a Charter of from which they could ship coal. Stockton proved too narrow and in October 1827 it was decided to extend the railway to Middlesbrough. From Incorporation from Queen Victoria in 1853.

The founders of the Borough were for the most part Quakers and it was one of these—Joseph Pease who aided John Vaughan and Henry Bolckow to set up the famous Bolckow-Vaughan Steelworks in 1841.
Other large iron foundries soon began operating, including the famous Dorman Long Group who built the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Middlesbrough Ward is prominent in stake activities but has lost many members to emigration. The first counselor in the bishopric is the exception to the rule—Bro. Lynn Hammond is an American, married to an English girl and has settled in Middlesbrough.

NEWCASTLE WARD

Newcastle on Tyne is a cathedral city. The Chapel is situated in Fawdon and was dedicated in 1967.

One of the main industries is shipbuilding and engineering. There is also a very good shopping centre in Newcastle. There is some very beautiful scenery along the Tyne Valley and extending from Newcastle to Carlisle there are many remains of the old Roman wall, built centuries ago. Practically all Geordies (as they are affectionately called) are very keen footballing enthusiasts and their local football team won the European Cup this season.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE WARD

The town of Newton Aycliffe was built shortly after World War II under the "New Towns Act" so all the buildings are comparatively new and the Church building is very prominent.

● **Hartlepool Ward Bishopric, left to right, Ronald O. Barratt, 1st Counsellor; Bishop James Laurie, Henry Talbot, 2nd Counsellor.**

● **Middlesborough Bishopric, left to right, William Henwood, 2nd Counsellor; Bishop Harold Marshall, Lynn Hammond, 1st Counsellor.**

● **Newcastle Bishopric, left to right, Ernest Cooper, 2nd Counsellor; Bishop Sidney Curryer, Jerral Pulley, 1st Counsellor; William Maudlin, clerk.**







NORTH SHIELDS BRANCH

North Shields Branch held its ground breaking for the new chapel May 10th at Preston Grange, North Shields, in the County Borough of Tynemouth which stands at the north side of the Tyne where the great river flows into the North Sea.

This moment had long been awaited by the Saints. For many years the members have worked and saved for a chapel. A few weeks before the ground breaking a cheque for £1,000 was handed to Elder Curtis, of the building committee as a first payment.

- **North Shields Branch presidency, left to right, Preston H. Thompson, 1st Counsillor; Pres. Leslie B. Pearce, Morris Cowley, clerk; Edward Copeland, 2nd Counsillor.**
- **Newton Aycliffe Ward bishopric, left to right, Albert Downing, 1st Counsellor; Bishop A. Hancock, R. Peacock, 2nd Counsellor. Since this picture was taken the bishopric has been re-organised with Albert Downing now the bishop with Bro. Peacock, 1st Counsellor; A. Cullen, 2nd Counsellor. Bishop Hancock is now a high councilman.**
- **Stake Pres. Oates officiating at North Shields groundbreaking.**





● **Peterlee Branch presidency, left to right, Dennis Noble, clerk; Martin Hall, 1st Counsellor; Pres. William H. Soulsby, William Birkin, 2nd Counsellor. (Photo by John T. Lamb).**

● **Some Peterlee Branch priesthood, left to right, Pres. Soulsby, Colin McQuillam, Dennis Noble, William Birkin, Mantin Hall, David Baddaw, David Lamb, Leslie Graham. (Photo by John T. Lamb.)**

PETERLEE BRANCH

Peterlee, close to the coast, is also a new town, with construction of buildings started in 1948. In 1956 the missionaries started tracting in the town and from 1957 families joined the Church and became members of the West Hartlepool Branch in the old Newcastle District.

By 1961 so much progress had been made that under the direction of Pres. Bernard P. Brockbank, the North British Mission president, it was decided to organise a separate branch in Peterlee. Bro. William H. Soulsby was appointed branch pres-



South Shields Ward bishopric, left to right, R. Johnson, 1st Counsellor; Bishop David Deacon, F. Johnson, 2nd Counsellor; Norman Griffiths stake clerk.

ident with Dennis Noble and John Lamb as his counselors. Meetings were held in the town community centre for the 52 members.

In 1968 the members' dream was realised when a new chapel was built on a beautiful site overlooking the North Sea. Construction began in April and the chapel completed in November of the same year under the direction of Elder Desmond Gorman, building supervisor. Present membership in the branch is 133 and Bro. Soulsby is serving again as branch president.

REDCAR BRANCH

Redcar is a coastal resort area south of Teeside (which now includes such towns as Middlesbrough, Stockton and Billingham).

The branch is small but with stalwart members. Even though many of the members have emigrated it is still a resilient branch.

SOUTH SHIELDS WARD

The chapel in South Shields is only a five minute walk from the beach and there is a very fine Marine Park nearby. A little further up the coast at Marsden the cliffs and caves have been utilised to build a lovely hotel.

South Shields is an industrial area and claims to have been instrumental in building the first unsinkable lifeboats. Although the Tyne lifeboat is now based at North Shields, South Shields has a great record in life saving and its lifeguard team represented Great Britain in Europe.

Bishop David Deacon is a policeman and a very fine athlete.



● **Sunderland Ward bishopric, back, David Bate and Eric Marsh, clerks; front, John Braithwaite, 1st Counsellor; Bishop Stan Liddle; Jack Fenwick, 2nd Counsellor.**

SUNDERLAND WARD

Sunderland's history dates back to Saxon times when it was known as Wearmouth and since that time it has grown to be the largest city in the county of Durham. Until recently it enjoyed he privilege of being the largest shipbuilding town in total tonnage in the world. The Church of St. Peter which was built in the sixth century at the mouth of the Wear is still in existence. A coastal resort, Sunderland has a very fine beach and promenade at Roker and Seaburn. The main industries are shipbuilding and mining. The population is about 200,000 citizens.

The Stake House, completed in

March 1965, is in Sunderland. Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Twelve, dedicated it on Sept. 1, 1967. Previous to this time meetings were held at 18 Tunstall Road, originally an old converted garage which was extended and made inhabitable by the strenuous efforts of the saints who spent many hours cleaning and redecorating.

Pres. Frederick W. Oates (father of the present Stake President) designed and built the baptismal font in this chapel. It was here the saints had to undergo a great deal of persecution in the early days. At one time mobs broke into the chapel and caused the death of a missionary who was standing behind the door trying to prevent the mob from entering the Chapel where a Relief Society meeting was in progress. Elder Ralph W. Hendricks died on Feb. 24, 1913 from a hemmorhage.

There is also a dependent branch of the ward in the University town of Durham, which City is built in a tight loop of the River Wear. The Monks started building the beautiful Cathedral there in 997 AD and it took 40 years to complete.

● **Sunderland Stake Auxiliary Leadership Meeting.**



FAITH

by William Howe, aged 11, Hartlepool

John Sherman was a mountaineer and he had been on holiday in the Alps. He stayed in a luxury hotel at the bottom of a mountain. He arrived at 8 o'clock so went straight to bed, for the next day he was going to climb the mountain. He got up early the next day and started off with all his euipment. On his long journey to the summit he was tired, but at least he was warm. He quickly pitched his tent on a small plateau to sleep the night. He was nearly half the way up now. It took him another two hours and he neared the summit.



Then all of a sudden the ice gave way and the metal bracket fell out. He felt a falling sensation, he let out a shrill cry which echoed in the peaks. Luckily he fell into a snowdrift 10 feet deep. The snow broke his fall and he sank three feet under the snow. Although the snow was soft he fell unconscious. When he woke he found he was in a chimney about 12 feet in diameter. His first intention was to get out but the walls were glazed so much that it was impossible to climb and it was about 30 feet high.

Then he remembered to pray. He knelt down and prayed that he would be rescued. He knew that if he had faith his prayer would be answered.

He was numb with cold, he had matches but no sticks but he knew that he would be rescued so he used his provisions to light a fire. Then he saw two faces peering down the chimney at him. It was two Americans. They lowered a rope and pulled him up. They said that they had felt a sudden urge to look down the chimney. John Sherman arrived at the hotel safe and sound.

This story shows us that we can do anything if we have faith, so I hope if you read this story you will have faith.

RECIPES FOR YOU



ITALIAN RICE

1 pkt. Minestrone soup (1 pt.)
¼ lb. Patna Rice
1 tin of tomatoes
1 tin of minced beef

Cook the rice and packet soup in one pint of boiling water for about 15 minutes or until the rice is cooked. This is a tasty meal but you can add the tomatoes and beef or any savoury leftovers. Serves 4.

TRIVESS'S WINTER DELIGHT

½ lb. minced beef,
1 finely chopped leek or chopped sprouts, cabbage
1 small turnip peeled and diced,
Twice as much carrot sliced ⅛ in. thick
The same amount of potatoes,
1 golden Oxo
1 teaspoon Bovril 1 or all three
1 teaspoon Marmite
(if all three are used, add 1 small fresh onion)
2 ozs. flaked rice,
No extra salt is required.

Pop all these ingredients into a hotpot, cover with water and boil up.
Turn the heat very low and simmer for about two hours, stirring frequently. Top up with water if necessary. Serves 3—4. Economical and nourishing.

"RUN OUT OF BREAD" RECIPE

4 heaped tablespoons plain flour,
1 egg,
milk,
dripping or fat of any kind except mutton,

Mix batter as for Yorkshire pudding, but make it a little thicker. Heat frying pan and smear with dripping, not too much. Drop a teaspoon full of batter into the hot pan. Turn when brown. Don't cook too quickly or inside will be soggy. Experiment by adding Bovril or tomato sauce or finely grated cheese, Sugar and raisins can be used to make this a sweet dish.

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Starlight testimonies in a sheepfold

After their successful YWMIA Camp together last year, Leicester Stake, London Stake, Sunderland Stake and the British South Mission again joined forces for this year's camp, held from August 26 to the 30, at Lathkill Dale, Derbyshire.

Nearly 70 attended the camp which was under the direction of Cyndy Sharpe of Leicester Stake, Judith Perry, British South Mission, Christine Amos, Sunderland Stake and Pauline Doggett of London Stake.

During the week before camp, these leaders had all fasted and prayed that their plans and preparations would be successful and that there would be a special "something" at the camp, which would impress itself on the girls and make it memorable for them—and it was!

The week was filled with the usual camp activities—hikes, games, building fires, lashing, crafts, nature study, first aid instructions etc.—and all but four of the girls earned their Campcrafter awards. Each evening there was a special activity—a "first night" meeting, followed by a moonlight hike; M.I.A.; and a campfire organised by the Inspirators (3rd year Campcrafter girls).

Throughout the whole week there was a great feeling of fun and comradeship. All, or nearly all, the camp "capers" were done willingly and cheerfully. Skits thought up by the girls showed a great wealth of talent and imagination, and on the last night a special supper was prepared by Irene Swinscoe, the camp's popular chief cook.

Afterwards, in a secluded sheep-fold, under a clear starry sky, a testimony meeting was held. Nearly all the girls and leaders, from the very youngest up, stood to express their feelings, many wonderful testimonies were borne of the spirit present at the camp.

Even after camp was broken, testimonies of it continued to be borne. At Epsom Ward, London Stake, three Beehive girls gave their testimonies in the Fast meeting at the Ward.

Another wrote: "I came back from camp with a really strong testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel, and an appreciation for so many things that I'd previously taken for granted—friendship, the priesthood, the beauty of nature, my parents . . . and my bed! I shall never forget the spirit that was with us at the testimony meeting."

For the leaders, the camp was one of those experiences that bring home the joy and satisfaction of serving our Heavenly Father.

Elder Kimball organises Great Britain's seventh Stake



● **The new Birmingham Stake Presidency — Stanley Woods, Derek Cuthbert and Robert Mawle.**

On Sunday, September 14 Elder Spencer W. Kimball, of the Council of the Twelve, divided the Leicester Stake to create Britain's seventh Stake—the Birmingham Stake.

The new stake comprises of: Birmingham Ward—Bishop Dennis Tisdale; Birmingham 2nd Ward, formerly Birmingham South—Bishop Frank Tennant; Birmingham 3rd Branch, formerly Kidderminister and Stourbridge branches of the Central British Mission —Pres. Leonard F. Bail. Woodsetton Ward—Bishop Alfred D. Slater; Walsall Ward, formerly Branch—Bishop Kenneth Degville; Wednesfield Branch, now independent—President Robert Sherrett; Worcester Ward, formerly Branch in the Central British Mission—Bishop Victor Smart; Lichfield Branch, formerly Central British Mission—President Arthur Barlow; Redditch Branch, formerly Central British Mission—President Raymond Summers; and Northfield Branch, of Leicester Stake—President Wilfred Hipkins.

The Leicester Stake remains the same with: Derby Ward—Bishop Terence Shepherd; Eastwood Ward—Bishop James Martin; Loughborough Ward, formerly Branch—Bishop John Bowcutt; Leicester Ward—Bishop Ford; Western Park Branch—President Ray Farrar; Nuneaton Branch—President John Joseph; Nottingham Ward—Bishop Sidney Vaughan; Mansfield Branch—President Frederick Marshall; Lincoln Ward, formerly Central British Mission—Bishop Brian James; Hucknall Branch—President George Sunder-





land; and Coventry Ward—Bishop Peedle.

Kenneth Poole continues as President of the Leicester Stake, with James Rankin as 1st Counsellor, Ernest Hewitt as 2nd Counsellor, and C. W. Woodward as Stake Clerk.



Harry Jones, Stake Patriarch

Derek A. Cuthbert was sustained as President of the Birmingham Stake, with Stanley H. Woods, of Walsall, 1st Counsellor, Robert Mawle, Lichfield, 2nd Counsellor and Anthony Grice, Birmingham, as Stake Clerk. Harry W. L. Jones, of Worcester, was sustained Stake Patriarch.

Prior to this call, Pres. Cuthbert had been 1st Counsellor in the Central British Mission for four years. He had, in fact, served as counsellor to four Mission Presidents — beginning with Pres. T. Bowring Woodbury of the British Mission in 1960. He was released to become President of the Leicester District which became the Leicester Stake a few months later, and he was the very first British Stake President.

In November 1961 the family moved to London where he was manager of Deseret Enterprises Ltd. and a Counsellor in the London Stake Presi-

dency. Having established Deseret Enterprises he returned to Nottingham in 1963 and, after a few months as the Leicester Stake Missionary President, was called as Counsellor to Pres. Joy F. Dunyon in the Central British Mission. He continued in this position with Pres. George I. Cannon and also with Pres. Clifton Johnson.

His wife Muriel has served mainly in M.I.A. and Relief Society on branch, ward and district levels, and for the past three years has been news editor of the "Millennial Star." They have ten children—Janis, now Mrs. Vaughn Croft, of Culver City, California, U.S.A., Maureen, Sheila, David, Rosalind, Jonathan, Hazel, Andrew, Paul and Jenny who was born on August 5 this year—and one grandson Darren. The family now live in Sutton Coldfield and attend the Birmingham Ward where they take up a whole row at Sunday meetings. They first joined the Church in 1951.

Pres. Woods was previously a member of the Leicester Stake High Council and before that Branch President of the Walsall Branch from its formation in 1962.

He and his wife Margaret joined the Church in 1961, and have been responsible for various branch and stake magazines. Sis Woods has also had stories and articles printed in the Relief Society Magazine. They have two children, Stephen and Ruth.

Pres. Mawle, although only 25 years old has had plenty of experience, as a Church Building Missionary for 2 years, a ward clerk, Branch President and recently as a District President. His wife Myrtle has also held many posi-

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The Cuthbert family. Maureen (19), Derek, Muriel, Sheila (17), Rosalind (13), David (15), Paul (2), Andrew (3½), Hazel (7), Jonathan (11), Baby Jenny . (Eldest daughter Janis in America.)



STAR NEWS

BRITISH MISSION

On August 19 the CHELMSFORD MIA held a barbeque. It was planned to hold it in the large garden of one of the members but alas it rained and so everything was transferred to the chapel. About 100 members and friends met together and feasted on hot dogs and squash in an informal atmosphere.

The ESSEX DISTRICT MIA held a sports day at Southend on August 30. A shield is presented to the branch that accumulates the most points, which are awarded for places, entries and other assorted reasons. This year the Southend branch were victorious. Attendance was good and every one was rewarded with an enjoyable if exhausting day.

Ted and Dora Canham celebrated their Ruby Wedding on July 31. They were invited to dine with friends and as a surprise, many church members "popped in" to wish them well and offer their congratulations.

CHELMSFORD Branch MIA invited the police to give a lecture and discussion to branch members on September 16. The evening was well attended and everyone learnt a lot. The theme was "Accident Prevention" and mainly featured Road Safety.

A farewell party was given to Elder Paul Thomas McConkie, of St. George, Utah, by the NORWICH Branch on August 26. Kenneth Johnson composed two songs, which he sang and then presented them to Elder McConkie together with a scrapbook of memories to remember the branch by.

Paul Shreeve of the NORWICH Branch, after obtaining exceptional "O" and "A" level examinations, is studying at the Nottingham University. He won an R.A.F. scholarship and is studying Mechanical Engineering on a three-year course.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

On July 26 members of the WATFORD District took part in a joint MIA-Priesthood hike. Starting from Amersham at 10 a.m., they walked in a ten mile circle, stopping at midday for lunch and a game of volleyball at the village of Penn, ancestral home of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania. The trip was organised by President Mike MacDonald, 1st counsellor in the District Presidency and fifteen members took part. Another four should have been included, but they arrived late, by courtesy of

London Transport, and so set out on a separate but similar length hike of their own. All were together in declaring it an enjoyable experience.

Thirty-two members and friends from the HAYES Branch visited the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court. The trip, organised under the auspices of the MIA by YM secretary Roger Burden, proved to be very enjoyable, but there is no truth whatsoever in the rumour that the Naval Field Gun Race is to be introduced into their MIA.

"Key to My Sister's Heart" was the theme of the Mission Relief Society Visiting Teachers' Convention, held under the direction of Joan S. Child, Auxiliary Supervisor; Olive V. Perry, President; and Elsie M. Rock, secretary.

Attractive blue and gold bookmarks fashioned by Richard Hall in the shape of keys were presented to each visiting teacher. Right and Wrong ways of visiting teaching were enacted in a skit by the Watford District, and another skit, "Tell the Truth" was performed by members from the Thames Valley District. Corsages in blue and gold were presented to the sister depicted in the skit, the oldest member of Relief Society—Sister Cook, the sister with the greatest number of years service—Sister Laycock, and the youngest visiting teacher —Sister Davies.

178 sisters and 44 District and Branch Priesthood Authorities heard the words of wisdom of Mission President J. W. Child and Mission R. S. officers, and hearkened to the admonition of the song "So Little Time" by Crawley branch mixed quartette.

An interim during which luncheon was served by Crawley District was followed by "Let All My Life be Music"—a musical programme narrated by Kathy Lock of Reading, in which the Singing Mothers Chorus from each district participated, as well as special numbers from the various branches.

Paintings of the sego lily emblem and delicately illustrated words on the musical theme contributed by brothers Chris Lock and Tom Akenhead delighted the eye.



British South Mission Relief Society Convention



Billy Casper and his wife Shirley pose with Sister Kimball, President and Sister Johnson and Caddy John, after giving Fireside at the Central British Mission Home.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

HEREFORD Branch held the first fireside of the new winter series in the chapel in East Streeton on September 7. The programme consisted of a talk on missionary work by one of the missionary Elders, which was followed by the showing of two films, "Where Jesus Walked" and "The Plan of Life and Exaltation." Both films were greatly enjoyed and a discussion centred on the films closed the evenings activity.

The Relief Society was the first Branch auxiliary to hold a social to mark the commencing of the new Church year. Held at the chapel building a happy gathering of members and investigators enjoyed the events of the evening, which were presided over by President Pamela Macklin. To get everyone in the party spirit several games were organised, guests then relaxed and were entertained by the branch singing group, "The Folk Clarity." Refreshments were served, and Bob Edden organised some party dances. Dancing was interrupted while a presentation was made to Elder Dillman, who was returning home.

Billy Casper and his wife Shirley took time off from their tour of golf tournaments to be guest speakers at a Fireside held at the Mission Home on September 12. Youth from the Mission and the Leicester Stake crowded into the lounge and overflowed into the foyer and listened intently while Bro. and Sis. Casper told of their experiences. A missionary Elder sang a solo and refreshments were served. Afterwards they chatted informally to the group, answering questions and posing for photographs.

BEDFORD Branch Primary held two parties in August, the first was a Mothers and Daughters Graduation Party on August 4, at the home of Patricia Griffith. The girls prepared the meal of sausages, potato salad, green salad, rolls, cakes and trifles, and afterwards gave a Fashion Show. A talk on

the meaning of the Bandlo was given by Sister Griffiths, and Bro. Hanson, Priesthood Advisor to the Primary, also spoke on the Work of the Primary. One girl, Carol Millington, passed her graduation requirements and started M.I.A. in September.

The second party was on the 20th, and was held in Kempstone Park. It began at 2 p.m. and was conducted by Pamela Hassall. Races were run, and games played until it was time for a lovely meal prepared by the sisters.

On Wednesday, September 3, the Relief Society sisters held a cake stall in Bedford Market. They had cakes of all kinds, which sold very quickly, and they were able to contribute £9 to the Building Fund.

The strains of "High on a Mountain Top," sung by 52 missionary District Leaders and their companions, echoed through the fog and rain high in the Malvern Hills on the morning of September 15, as they met with their Mission Presidency and Elder Spencer W. Kimball at British Camp—the last stronghold of the Ancient Britons against the Romans—to rededicate themselves to the work of the Lord.

If anyone was disappointed by the weather, they were soon cheered when they heard Elder Kimball explain that it was under such conditions that Moses talked with the Lord, as a cloud covered the top of the mountain. Although wet, cold and shivering, everyone glowed inside and were certainly inspired as they listened to Bishop Smart, of Worcester, telling the history of the surrounding area. He was followed by President Benjamin Thorpe, who told of the journey of Wilford Woodruff to Benbows Farm, and then President Derek Cuthbert gave a brief summary of recent events in the history of the Church in the British Isles. President Clifton Johnson called on the missionaries to rededicate themselves to the work and Elder Kimball then spoke before giving a dedicatory prayer.

Descending the hills was more treachorous than the ascent, as the rain made parts of the going muddy and slippery, but everyone arrived safely and crowded into the waiting bus to eat their packed lunches and to hold a short testimony meeting before going on to Benbows Farm.

Three other coaches of sight-seers had arrived by this time, which made everyone realise that if it had been a fine, sunny day, the meeting would most certainly have been interrupted and spoilt. So for once everyone was grateful for the fog and rain.

LEEDS STAKE

There were only five members of the HUDDERSFIELD Seminary Group when it started in September 1968, and during the first four months, due to various circumstances, this number was reduced to three. These three, however, managed to remain enthusiastic in spite of G.C.E. Exams and shortage of time, they even managed to enroll a new convert in February, who paid the full cost of the course, even though he only had one third of the exercises.

During the year the Ward Bishopric held a special Sacrament meeting

devoted to Seminary and all the members of the group spoke, this was followed by a Fireside especially arranged to explain to the youth about Seminary. As a result promises were obtained from another seven youths, making the total group for this year eleven.

At the last Stake Seminary meeting for the year a grand dinner was organised and Stake President Dennis Livesey spoke for a few minutes on the programme, mentioning especially Keith Brook, the Huddersfield Class President, and how the seminary work had helped him. Keith then stood and bore his testimony.

Although the Seminary officially closed for three months during the summer the group continued to hold occasional meetings, partly for work assignments but mainly to work on a magazine which they have decided to issue monthly. It is called "Pioneer." and contains news of all the ward auxiliaries, the first issue was so successful that they had to print more copies to meet the demand.

Their enthusiasm is tremendous and we wish them continued success in the future.

LEICESTER STAKE

A memorable weekend for members of the Church in LINCOLN began on Sunday, September 14, at the Leicester Stake Conference when Elder Spencer W. Kimball, of the Council of the Twelve, asked for a sustaining vote to make Lincoln Branch of the Central British Mission, a Ward in the Leicester Stake.

Then on the following evening Elder Kimball spoke in the Lincoln Chapel and dedicated the building. It was a wonderful evening for 137 members and friends, for in addition to Elder Kimball, the Sheriff of the City gave a talk in which he stated that the building was a remarkable achievement in



Elder Spencer W. Kimball speaking at the dedication of the Lincoln Chapel.



Lincoln Ward Bishopric. Left to right, John Griffin, Alfred Harrison, Elder Spencer W. Kimball, Bishop Brian James and Thor Larson.

this day and age, and he appreciated the quality of the workmanship. Other speakers included Building Supervisor Rex Bollschweiller and Central British Mission President Clifton I. Johnson.

The Relief Society Singing Mothers, accompanied on the piano by Heather Coombs sang the prelude music and a choral item during the service. Bishop James presented a Book of Mormon to the Sheriff, and Susan Stone, from the Primary, gave a bouquet to the Sheriff's lady. Muriel Cuthbert and Dorothy Thorpe accepted bouquets from Barbara and Susan Robey on behalf of Sister Kimball and Sister Johnson who were unable to be present.

MANSFIELD Branch chose Saturday, August 23, to hold a Garden Party in aid of their Building Fund. All the previous week it rained so hard that it was thought a Swimming Gala would be more appropriate, but an hour or so before the proceedings were due to start, the rain cleared and the sun came out. Sister Marshall opened the afternoon officially, and received a beautiful bouquet from Sister Wilson, the Sunday School Superintendent. There were many games of skill and lots of fun provided by Bro. Wilson; ice cream and 'eats' were great favourites, too.

After everyone had transferred their money from their purses and pockets to the building fund, they were entertained by the Primary children who performed the show they had put on for Primary Showtime.

President Marshall presented a bouquet to Sister Wilson and thanked her for her efforts and dedicated service to Sunday School. In all it was a very rewarding day and the building fund benefited by £13 5s. 9d.

The Stake Primaries went International this year, and a wide variety of countries were portrayed in their "Showtime" at Woodsetton on August 30. The first visit was to Scotland with the boys of the BIRMINGHAM WARD neat in their jaunty tartan hats and sashes, and the girls pretty in their

scarves and aprons as they performed the Scottish songs and dances.

WALSALL branch chose Hawaii, and the little girls in their green grass skirts and the boys diligently mending nets proved an attractive sight for the two American tourists who arrived by large boat.

The history of the United States was portrayed by WEDNESFIELD primary in a well thought out production, the children thoroughly enjoyed being Indians and Farmers and Cowmen and Mormon pioneers. The civil war was impressively shown with flags, and a round of applause greeted the small moon astronaut, carefully walking in his beautiful shining space suit.

In Zone One of the Stake, COVENTRY WARD presented Scotland and Derby, South America, with both stories and song. DERBY'S home primary told of a South American garden. LEICESTER told the story of a Hawaiian princess who had been captured and held to ransom, a colourful scene with flowers and fruit. LOUGHBOROUGH gave a fine performance reminiscent of "Madame Butterfly." NUNEATON portrayed a Welsh Family Home Evening, and MANSFIELD went Irish, introducing a pantomime sketch, and to the delight of the children, a pantomime horse. NOTTINGHAM, as U.S.A., had obviously worked hard. Derby's other home primary closed on a spiritual theme with children of all lands coming together at the feet of Jesus.

LONDON STAKE

SOUTH LONDON once again held a successful Ward Family Home Evening in their chapel at Ravenslea, Nightingale Lane.

Instead of each family in the Ward holding their own individual Home Evenings, they all met together with the Bishop fulfilling his function as "father" of the Ward.

The evening commenced with a short devotional service in the Chapel. There was a reading from the Book of Mormon, a short talk by Bishop Walter F. Stevenson on the theme of the evening—"Man is that he might have joy," and he was followed by a choral number from Aaronic Priesthood Choir.

After the service the families got to grips with giving each other "joy" with songs, and music, skits and comedians.



Walsall Branch in Primary Show Time.



Elder James Moss, one of the seminar supervisors for Great Britain, leading a discussion with LONDON STAKE seminar co-ordinator.



Physical activity in the Hyde Park Chapel Cultural Hall, LONDON STAKE, is all part of the Youth Seminar.



David Cooke, North London Bishopric, conducting a "getting to know you" teach-in at Hyde Park Chapel.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

At Sacrament Meeting on August 31, ECCLES Branch held its first Primary Graduation night, which was conducted by President Elizabeth Alice Nolan. After the opening song, short talks on the Primary Colours were given by Robin Rigby—"Courage" (Red), David Tildsley — "Service" (Yellow) and Jeremy Nolan—"Purity" (Blue). The children and teachers then sang "Our Primary Colours."

Branch President Charles Grady spoke and also presented Graduation Certificates to Wendy Nolan and Sharon Tildsley. The two girls then gave short talks. Sister Nolan and her counsellor Dorothy Tildsley also spoke, and YW counsellor Joan Grady welcomed the girls into M.I.A.

SCOTTISH MISSION

ABERDEEN Branch held an Open House on Wednesday, September 3, which was attended by their new Mission President, F. Nephi Grigg, as his first visit to the branch. The first speaker was President Alistair Smith and then President Grigg gave a talk on a "Prophet." Afterwards the film "Portrait of a Prophet" was shown. The missionaries then showed non-members around the building. In one room was a table displaying the work of the Relief Society.

On September 13, an Autumn Fair was held in the Cultural Hall, which was attended by a good crowd of people. There were stalls of food, jams, cakes, vegetables, dolls clothes, novelties etc, and plenty of side shows such as Hoopla, and Find a place for the Donkey's tail. Refreshments were served in the hall and everyone had a happy smile on their faces, especially the children, who were delighted with their balloons.

After the fair had finished the branch held a social, and members from Dundee and Airdrie also joined was a Talent Competition and a great in. As well as dancing and games there variety of talents were displayed. A trio sang songs and played the guitar, mandolin and tin whistle, another member sang and played the guitar, then came a skit from the young members. The first prize was won by Edna Smith who sang "People," and the 2nd prize went to Sister Shaw from Dundee.

On August 30 the SCOTTISH SOUTH District Primary held a combined Lihoma and Trail Builder Round-Up at Greenan Castle, Heads of Ayr. It was a wonderful day from every aspect. The sun shone brightly, and as District Primary President Margaret Burns and her counsellor Margaret Cox, along with other Primary workers, prepared lunch over an open fire, Lihomas and Trail Builders went swimming.

After lunch, which consisted of potatoes, sausages, beans, orange and strawberry pudding with table jellies and crushed pineapple, and orange drinks, a Primary Knowledge Round-Up participating. Primary songs were also sung with High Councilman Edward was held, each branch in the district Steven, playing the guitar. The twin Topp sisters of Ayr branch, who have now graduated into MIA, sang "I Wonder When He Comes Again."

When the knowledge round-up was

over, sports, fun and games were held on the sand, everyone receiving prizes. To finish off the games a Treasure Hunt was led by Bros. Steven and Stuart Dorrian of Greenock Branch. District President Alexander Cumming brought the proceedings to a close and was gratified that such a good time had been had by all 54 who attended.

On September 20, the SCOTTISH SOUTH District Relief Society held their Annual Convention in the Kilmarnock Chapel. The sisters were welcomed by District R.S. President Rachel Wilde, and a lovely meal was then served, which had been prepared by Cornelia Baker of Cathkin Branch. The tables were beautifully set with flowers arranged by Agnes Prosser, of Kilmarnock. Each branch had a table displaying the goods they had been making during the year.

After the meal Sis. Wilde spoke on the "Importance of Our Callings and how to overcome discouragements." Sister Gee, District Counsellor spoke on "Homemaking" and Elizabeth Divers, Stevenston Branch, on "Education." Maureen Ball spoke on "Music in Relief Society," and Mary Raeburn told of visits the Kilmarnock sisters had made to factories during the summer. Phillippa Denard, Dumfries Branch, spoke about visiting teaching in her branch, and Sister O'Grady, Cathkin Branch, told how her calling in Relief Society helped her in daily life.

Songs were sung by Maureen Ball Joyce Roberts and Shirley Topp. Sister Addie Grigg, wife of the Mission President stressed the importance of going to Relief Society and gaining more knowledge. After the talks Sister Wilde presented prizes to the following: Short Story Competition — 1, Elizabeth Divers, Stevenston Branch; 2, Sheila Hotchkiss, Greenock Branch. Poetry Competition — 1, Phillippa Denard, Dumfries Branch; 2, Joyce Roberts, Ayr Branch.

At the SCOTTISH NORTH District Conference at Aberdeen on September 14, over 70 Relief Society sisters met in a separate meeting with Sister Griggs. Instruction was given on R.S. meetings, and Temple work. Sister Griggs was the main speaker and her talk was entitled "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven."

The main theme in the Priesthood meeting was encouraging young people to obtain an education. All the members gathered together in the chapel for the District Conference, which was full to overflowing. During the Conference President Archibald Richardson was sustained as 1st Counsellor in the Mission Presidency, and President Gaston as 2nd Counsellor.



Falmouth Saints swim as the Regatta goes gracefully on.



S. Harris, Sis. Toy, Bro. Holland, Sis R. Harris and Sis. Rodda view the crop of oats grown by the Helston branch.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

In the past we have written various items about HELSTON Branch's field and the crops produced, harvested and sold by the members to boost their building fund. This year they planted the three acres with oats, and obtained a very good crop. They certainly do not let the grass grow under their feet, and have used their building site very profitably. Another interesting note about this field, is that it was purchased to build a Church on to commemorate the fact that the late President Henry D. Moyle's ancesters came from Helston.

Members of the FALMOUTH Branch took an outing to Flushing, near Falmouth on August 16. There they had a whale of a time swimming, playing games, eating and finishing up with a bonfire on the beach.



Lunch is served at the Falmouth Branch Outing

Congratulations



Marriages

On Saturday, August 23, the Chelmsford Branch Chapel was filled to capacity with friends and relatives to witness the wedding of a popular young couple Temple C. Futter and Janis M. Hunt. The bridegroom is from Springs, Transvaal, South Africa, and has served a mission in England. His parents, brother and sister-in-law all travelled from South Africa to be present at the ceremony. The bride is a member of Chelmsford Branch and the only daughter of Harold W. Hunt, Essex District President. She wore an Edwardian style dress and train of white lace, and carried a bouquet of red roses and lilies of the valley. Bridesmaids included Miss Maureen Nice, and Roslyn and Tamsin Sweeting. Peter Hunt, the bride's brother, acted as best man.

During the reception at the Shire Hall, the couple and their attendants visited the local hospital where the

bride is a midwife, to see her aunt. When the festivities were over they travelled to the London Temple, and after their honeymoon they will be making their home in Springs, South Africa.



Roger Beardsmore and Briony Green.

On August 2, Roger Beardsmore and Briony Green, daughter of Bishop and Sister Green of Nottingham Ward were married in the Nottingham Chapel by Stake President Kenneth J. Poole. Bishop Green chose the privilege of giving his daughter away. The bride wore a long, fitted dress of lace over satin, and was attended by Elaine Storer and Lorraine Vaughan. The bride's mother made all three dresses and the wedding cake. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Cultural Hall and then the couple left for the London Temple.

Robert Alcock and June Perry were married at Birmingham on August 9. The bride's dress was of white satin and lace, and the bridesmaids wore turquoise satin and carried white posies.

The wedding of Dennis Baldwin and Ann Gray, both of the Ilford Branch, Essex District, took place at the Hyde Park Chapel on August 13. President Harold Hunt, of Chelmsford Branch, performed the ceremony. The bride wore a long white dress with train and a short two tier veil. She carried a bouquet of orange and white carnations. The bridesmaids were Helen Gray, Jacqueline Terry and Julie Mallinson, who wore long dresses of different colours and carried white bibles. During the ceremony Marion Delmonte sang a solo. Afterwards a small reception was held in the Cultural Hall.

The wedding of Alec James Mitchell and Jenifer Reynolds took place at the Norwich Branch Chapel on August 30. The bride, who wore a simple white lace dress, is a Sunday School teacher, and her husband is Age Group Assistant in M.I.A.

Robin Eva and Gillian Dawn Lucas were married at the Hyde Park Chapel on September 1 by Bishop Bateman. The bridesmaids in attendance were, Matron of Honour, Valerie Lucas, sister-in-law of the bride, and Denise Eva, sister of the bridegroom. The reception was held in the couple's future home and was attended by seventy guests. The honeymoon was spent in North Wales.





London Stake President Joseph Hampstead with Derek Thompson and Diane Stevenson after he had married them at South London Chapel on Saturday, August 30. Diane is the daughter of Bishop Walter F. Stevenson of South London Ward

James Rankin and Josephine Bray after their wedding at Leicester Stake House.

James A. R. Rankin, son of President and Sis. James Rankin, 1st Counsellor in the Leicester Stake, and his bride Susan Josephine Bray, of Leicester Ward, were married at the Stake House on September 6. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Ford, and during the service, Jean Taverner sang a solo. The bride's dress had a bodice of gupuire lace with rolled collar, bishop sleeves and a long skirt of white chiffon. Her four bridesmaids —Glenys and Shirley Rankin, Sarah and Katherine Bray—wore dresses of pink chiffon. All the dresses were made by the bride's mother, Jean Bray, who is the Stake Relief Society President Bouquets were of pink carnations and rose buds, and lilies of the valley.

The wedding of Averil Ann Collier

and Arthur Victor Harris took place at the Preston Chapel on September 6. The groom's parents, brothers and sister travelled from Helston Cornwall, and many of the other guests travelled long distances from all parts of England to be present at the ceremony. The reception was held in Blackpool, and afterwards the couple left for the long drive to the London Temple.



Arthur Harris and his bride, Averil Ann Collier

Births

May 5—To Geoffrey and Rosemary Pallet, Leicester Ward, Leicester Stake, a daughter.

July 19 — To Alexander and Margaret Cumming, East Kilbride Branch, Scottish Mission, a son Dale Andrew.

Aug. 23—To Bro. and Sis. Edmunds, Walsall Ward, Birmingham Stake, a daughter Elizabeth Mary.

Aug. 30 — To Philip and Valerie Myers, Addlestone Branch, South British Mission, a son, Gared Antony.

Aug. 31 — To Tony and Helen Leeper, Ilford Branch, British Mission, a son, John Daniel.

Sept. 8 — To Anthony and Eileen Grice, Birmingham Ward, Birmingham Stake, a daughter, Wendy Miriam.

Sept. 5 — To Tony and Jose Moore, Ilford Branch, British Mission, a son, Paul Francis.

Sept. 13 — To David and Dorothy Mace, Birmingham Ward, Birmingham Stake, a son, Ian.

July 10 — To Douglas and Martha Hanson, Bedford Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Rebecca Gale.

TEMPLE NEWS

Large group of Norwegian Saints visit the London Temple

Among the several groups of Saints who have come to the London Temple on holiday this summer was a large party from Norway. Included in the group were several elderly people who have been to the temple a number of times.

One of the two young couples sealed in the temple was Solveig Albertsen of Copenhagen, Denmark and Njal Norby of Stavanger, Norway. They met last year at a youth conference held in Oslo.

Sister Norby explained that at the youth conference, she met Bro. Norby as they helped to judge various events. When she returned to Copenhagen after the conference she felt "impressed" to move to Norway, which she did and their friendship blossomed into a full romance culminating in their marriage being sealed in the temple.

Bro. Norby served as a building missionary in Oslo and Bergen. His mother is a member of the Church. He is attending night school.

In the party of 74 from Norway, mostly converts, were two babies, 10 children, and the balance men and women. At least 20 of the party were making their first visit to the temple. It was also the first time for Sister Ragnhild Jensen of Tronheim, 80 years of age; while two others of her age, had been several times, Sis. Olga Tangerud, 79, has been to the temple nine years and Laura Skang, 81, a number of times.

Pres. Oddvar Eide, President af the Oslo First Branch; Knut Holth, first counselor; Stein Petersen, second counselor and Widstoe Nils, first assistant Sunday School superintendant, helped organise the excursion.

Similar groups from Germany, Denmark and Sweden, and many Saints from South Africa have also been attending the London Temple on holiday this summer. Early in September more than 100 came in one group from South London.

It should be noted that while these groups are at the temple and being accommodated at Edenbrook, three miles north of the temple, that often times many of them, through prior arrangement, are given a patriarchal blessing by Bro. Ralph Mount and Bro. Joseph Darling, patriarchs to the London Stake.



THE FIRST VICTORIA

by Iris Stanbury

The prizewinning story in the South West British Mission Relief Society's short story competition.

"Please tell me a story Grannie?" Grannie smoothed the warm forehead of Victoria Fielding, who was in the throes of chickenpox.

Grannie was helping her daughter-in-law at this time. With four children younger than Victoria and all in various stages of recovery from chickenpox, she had her hands full. Grannie was pleased to help; it was good to feel she was still needed.

She reached for a book from a pile on the bedside table.

"No Grannie, not those, tell me the story of the other Victoria."

"Surely not again," she replied. "You must know her story by heart now."

The bedroom door opened, the children came noisily in. "William won the game Grannie, now what can we play?"

Grannie gathered the children to her. "I am going to tell Victoria the story of the other Victoria. If you are very good you can join us."

Grannie settled herself in the rocking chair and the children made themselves comfortable. Andrew chose the other bed to lie on. William curled up on the rug, while little Kim lay on the bottom of Victoria's bed.

THE BEGINNING

Many, many years ago, said Grannie, lived a blacksmith and his wife, their son Edward and their daughter Victoria. The children had very little schooling. For one reason schooling had to be paid for in those days, also there were not so many schools as there are today and the children would have had a long way to go to the nearest school.

When Edward was quite a small lad, he used to watch his father work in the forge and as he watched he learned, and as he grew older he was able to help. When he was thirteen years old he was working alongside his father.

Victoria learned to sew and to cook. Her mother was a fine seamstress and had such elegant taste when it came to trimming bonnets. She used to make gowns and trim bonnets for the ladies at the Manor House. When Victoria was only twelve years of age she went to work at the Parsonage. She had to

start very early in the mornings and clean out the range. The range was a large black stove that was used for cooking. No gas or electricity in those days. She then polished the range until she could see her face in it. Then she lit it and filled kettles to get hot water for the Parson and his wife and family to wash. The breakfast had been made ready, then served. After this beds had to be made, then it was time to prepare vegetables for the cook. There were five children in the family.

TAUGHT VICTORIA TO READ

The Parson was a kindly gentleman who had been as well educated as could be in those days. He came from a monied family and it was customary in those days that a son of a well-to-do person entered the Church. He spent most of his mornings giving lessons to his children. Sometimes if Victoria had time to spare he would allow her to join in with the lessons. She was quick to learn and was very proud at last when she could read.

In the afternoon Victoria had to take care of the children. If it was a fine day they took their books into the garden or into the meadow beyond the garden. All through her life Victoria carried the memory of the hawthorn hedge and the buttercups and daisies that were in the meadow, and of the tiny stream that ran at the bottom. Victoria would hear the children read and in so doing learned a lot herself. They read history and geography books. Yes, they had to do homework, even in those days. Victoria would listen and do the household mending at the same time. If the children grew restless they played games or went for a walk. After tea, when the children had been made ready for bed, Victoria could go home. She spent the rest of the evenings helping her mother with the dressmaking. Sometimes she read. She taught her brother Edward to read, also.

The blacksmith prospered, new hamlets and farms had sprung up around and about and farmers needed implements. So an apprentice was taken at the forge. He would learn the trade while he was helping with the work. Tom Milner was his name. He and Edward became great friends.

MOVED TO HERTFORDSHIRE

As Victoria grew older, her duties at the Parsonage increased. She still helped the cook and waited on the

table, but in the afternoons she donned a fancy apron and answered callers at the door. She carried the tea tray to the drawing room when her mistress was receiving visitors.

HEARD GOSPEL MESSAGE

Victoria was just seventeen years old when the Parson accepted a new Church in Herefordshire. The Parson and his wife didn't want to lose Victoria so they persuaded the blacksmith and his wife to let her go with them. She really didn't want to go as it would mean a journey of four hours to get to her home. She would not be able to see her parents and brother—and more important at this time, Tom Milner. The Parson said she could have every other Sunday free. Victoria and Tom had become greatly attached to each other. Tom had now finished his apprenticeship and was saving as much of his wages as he could so he could ask the blacksmith for his daughter's hand in marriage. Nevertheless, Victoria went to Herefordshire with the family, Tom hoping to have enough savings in two more years to be able to speak to the blacksmith. Victoria promised to be true to him and wait.

Only a year had gone by when something happened to change their lives. The Parson came in one day very angry and upset. It seemed that some missionaries had come from America and were in the neighbourhood preaching. Many had heard their message and had believed and been baptised. The Parson had lost some of his congregation and didn't want to lose more. He sent the village constable to farmer John Benbow's farm where these missionaries were preaching. He told him to arrest the preachers for they had no licences to preach. The constable duly set forth but an Elder Woodruff politely asked him if he would wait until he had given the Gospel message to the congregation who were waiting. The constable could see no harm in it, so he seated himself at the back of John Benbow's barn, for that was where the meeting was held. But the words he heard stirred his heart. He believed them to be true and asked for baptism. This made the Parson all the more angry so he sent his two Church clerks to spy. Both of them recognised the truth and were baptised.

While these events were taking place Victoria was writing to Tom and also to her parents telling them all that happening. Tom came as usual on Vic-

toria's next Sunday free. He sometimes stayed for the day, or sometimes he borrowed the blacksmith's pony and trap and would set off early. After resting the horse awhile, he would take Victoria home to her parents to stay until the following day. This Sunday he was to stay and he would join the kitchen staff in their quarters for meals. He was curious to see these missionaries and wondered how their Gospel differed from the Wesleyans, in which faith he had been raised. He wanted to go to hear their message, but Victoria held back. She felt she was being disloyal to her master. However, Tom persuaded her that there was no harm in going to hear their message.

PARSON UPSET

What a memorable experience. One they were never to forget. Elder Wilford Woodruff told them of the Gospel being restored to the earth in these latter days. The barn was packed people all thirsting for the message. Many asked for baptism at the close of the meeting.

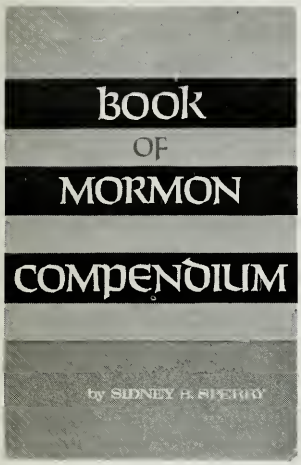
Tom and Victoria walked back to the Parsonage talking all the way of the wonderful things they had heard. The Parson was extremely angry when he discovered that they had been listening to the foreign preachers. He cried "Why cannot they go to the countries that have never heard the name of Jesus? We are a Christian country." Tom pointed out to him most politely that each man was free to listen and choose for himself. But now, the once kindly Parson, flew into an uncontrollable temper and ordered Tom from the house and told him to take Victoria with him and never again would she be allowed to return.

Victoria packed her boxes, weeping as she did so. Her mistress and the children wept with her. They didn't want to lose their beloved Victoria and pleaded with the Parson to relent. But still in a black rage he would not even listen. It was a saddened Victoria who went back with Tom to her parents.

The blacksmith was most indignant that his daughter had been so rudely dismissed, but he was also apprehensive that Tom and Victoria were so full of this new Gospel mesage. "We have our Bible," he said. "We want no more."

At this point Grannie saw the last of the listening children, William, fall asleep after valiantly trying to keep his

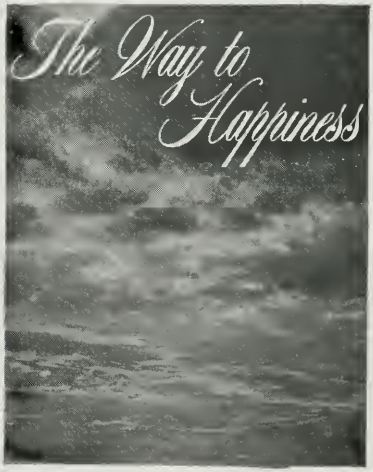
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eyes open. She would let them stay until their mother returned from Relief Society, then, full of sleep, they would be lovingly bundled into their night clothes and into bed.

Grannie rocked herself slowly, the rest of the story unfolded itself in her mind.

MESSAGE IMPRESSED

Tom Milner could not forget the message he had heard at the Benbow farm. He, with Victoria and her family, had many discussions concerning it.

As soon as he could, Tom returned to the neighbourhood where he again spoke to the missionaries and to converts. Before returning home, he was baptised. He taught Victoria and her family all he could of the restored Gospel. After two months had gone by, travelling missionaries in response to Tom's request, called at the forge. They found the family and friends willing and eager to listen to their message.

The blacksmith and his family embraced the Gospel. Tom was tireless in his efforts to spread the good word and work. One morning in early spring of 1846 having the blessing of the blacksmith, Victoria and Tom were married in the little village Church where Victoria had previously worshipped. Their thoughts must have gone out to the village nearby and to the family she had worked for and had parted from so sadly. Victoria wore a dress and bonnet and cape that Mama had made for her. The dress was of wool, brown with three flounces each edged with blue velvet ribbon, her cape was brown with blue embroidery, her bonnet was trimmed with forget-me-nots, a blue velvet ribbon met under her chin and tied in a bow.

SAILED FOR AMERICA

A few weeks later Tom and Victoria left the village and their loved ones and journeyed to Liverpool where they stayed with members of the Church until one day in June they boarded the ship "Britannia" to go to America to help with the building of Zion.

The journey took a month and must have been uneventful as only little mention was made of this in Victoria's diary. They arrived in New York and then journeyed to Iowa City with the other Saints. This was the centre of the gathering for the journey across the plains to the Salt Lake Valley.

Here they tarried awhile to make

preparations. Plans were made by the authorities that were to serve them well. Seeds of all kinds had to be carried and tools packed to cultivate land on the journey. This was to provide food for the Saints who would follow. Captains were appointed to be in charge of parties. Guards were chosen. Their hours of duty were such that at all times they should be on the alert for attacking Indians.

READY FOR OVERLAND TREK

Tom and Victoria were fortunate to obtain a wagon. Tom's knowledge of horses and the ability to repair wagon wheels made him a valuable member of the party. He had with him all the tools of his trade. Victoria had few possessions. She had linen goods that had been obtained in preparation for her marriage and Mama had given her lengths of material together with the trimmings to enable her to make her clothes when she reached her destination. Foodstuffs, such as flour and salt were taken and the necessary pots to use for cooking. This was all so far removed from the life Victoria had known at her home and at the Parsonage. Nevertheless, Victoria made the best of what she had.

The journey was long. Many were sick and headquarters were established on the way that took care of the sick until they were well enough to join another party of the pioneers.

They had several skirmishes with the Indians but because of the constant guard no serious damage was caused. Victoria did not comment too much on the journey but said that they were all thankful for the Sabbath when a halt was called and the day spent in praising the Lord. Each evening they repaired any damage to the wagons and the Saints would sing and be happy and take encouragement from one another.

They arrived in Salt Lake Valley in July 1847 and great was the rejoicing. Thanks and gratitude were expressed to the Lord for their safe arrival. Then work was started in earnest.

RECALLED LETTERS

Grannie recalled the letters that were sent home to England.

The originals were now no more but copies had been made and were treasured by their descendants.

Dear Mama and Papa and Edward,

We have arrived in safety in the Salt

Lake Valley, thanking God. Everyone is busy preparing the land, ready for planting seeds. Streams have been dammed to irrigate the land. Tom is anxious to build us a home before winter so he chops trees in his spare time. I help all I can, my hands would not now be suitable for sewing fine linen.

This is a beautiful valley. President Brigham Young wants to make a fine city here with wide straight roads.

ANOTHER LETTER

Dear Mama, Papa and Edward,

It was good to hear from you after such a long time. Soon there will be improvements in the letter carrying so we can hear from each other more often.

We now have our house. It is made with logs and has three rooms. The brethren help one another. We had help and when the house was completed, Tom helped others to build. Houses are springing up in every direction. When there is time, Tom with the help of others, will build a forge as he has much work to do with making farming implements.

Plans are going on for building a temple. Brethren will give their time to it every tenth day.

We are happy. Our only regret is that we have left our loved ones behind. Tom says to tell you that should you care to make the journey to join us, the way is much improved now and you are greatly needed here to assist in the building of a fine city and of a temple.

EDWARD TO JOIN THEM

Dear Mama and Papa and Edward,

We are overjoyed with the news that Edward is to join us. Tom says to tell him that the new forge is very large, with plenty of room for him as a partner.

I am happy to tell you that by the time Edward joins us, there will be a nephew or niece to greet him, also. Dear Mama, I wish you were here more than ever. The good sisters of Relief Society will help all they can, I know. My neighbour is a Sister Jones from Wales. She is a sweet, kind soul and will come to attend to me.

Tom and I have made plans for our child. If he be a son, he shall be named William for Papa, if a daughter, then Hannah for you, Mama.

MISSIONARY SPIRIT

Grannie recalled that the baby was William and that there had been a

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Ordinations to Elders

John Swan Topen. Aberdeen Branch.
David A. Black. Scottish Mission
David Page Scottish Mission
Stanley Fraser. Scottish Mission
Albert Kemp Scottish Mission
Dundee Branch
Perth Branch.
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Michael Read, of Norwich Branch, British Mission, has been called as a full-time Missionary to the Irish Mission.

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tions in the various axiliaries, and is the daughter of James and Rona Cunningham, who are known to many as a counsellor in the British Mission, when there was only one mission in these Isles. The Mawles have three children, Darrell Lee, aged 4, Tracy Helen, 3, and Steven Robert, 1.

Bro. Grice and his wife, Eileen, have been members of the Church for seven years now, and he was also a High Councilman in the Leicester Stake prior to this call. Before that he was the Birmingham Ward Clerk.

Harry W. J. Jones comes to the position of Stake Patriarch well known and well loved throughout the Midlands area, having served as 2nd Counsellor to Pres Dunyon and Pres Cannon in the Central British Mission. Together with his wife Gladys and their children, Jill and Terry, they joined the Church in Worcester in 1952 and have been actively engaged ever since.

There were only three families in the branch in those days and two missionary elders administered in all things. In 1953 he was ordained an elder and became 2nd Counsellor in the Birmingham District. Later, while still in the British Mission, he became President of the 4th Quorum of Elders and held this position until the division of the Missions. Under Pres James A. Cullimore, of the Central British Mission, he was called to the Mission Board as Genealogy Advisor, and subsequently as Advisor for the Senior Aaronic Priesthood.

Sister Jones was Mission Relief Society President and has now been called as the Stake Relief Society President.

William in the family ever since, just as there had been a Victoria. When the first William Milner had grown to manhood he went to England as a missionary and was able to visit his grandparents.

The old folk could not bring themselves to leave their homeland. They were helping to strengthen the Church in England.

Grannie fondly glanced at her sleeping charges. She would ask the dear Lord to bless them with the same strength and testimonies that were with their ancestors, the first Tom and Victoria Milner.

THIS HOUSE

This house was a dark house,
Twas empty before,
The brightness of Truth
Penetrated the door.

It shone through the windows
And into our hearts,
No more to know darkness
Truth never departs.

This house was a cold house
All the year round,
Till warmth in the Love of the
Saviour we found.
And learnt to share love with
Each other, for we
Had forgotten how comforting
Kindness can be.

This house it was restless
No peace dwelt herein,
Till His gracious forgiveness,
Redeemed us from sin,
Till the grace of His Presence
And strength of His Will,
Commanded our troubled spirits;
"Be Still."

This house was unsteady,
'Twas built upon sand
With no rock for foundation,
No governing hand.
Now His wisdom protects us,
There's nothing to fear
For He will defend us
Should danger draw near.

Now this house it is happy,
With joy in its soul
Happy and safe,
Since the Lord took control.
For we are His children,
His praises we sing,
As we work to make this house,
A tribute to Him.

—Sister Peggy Barnikel
Pembroke Branch, West Wales
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If any person should ask me if I were a prophet, I should not deny it, as that would give me the lie; for, according to John, the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy; therefore, if I profess to be a witness or teacher, and have not the spirit of prophecy, which is the testimony of teacher and witness, I must possess the spirit Jesus, I must be a false witness; but if I be a true of prophecy, and that constitutes a prophet; and any man who says he is a teacher or a preacher of righteousness, and denies the spirit of prophecy, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; and by this key false teachers and imposters may be detected.

—Joseph Smith

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THE ETERNAL QUEST

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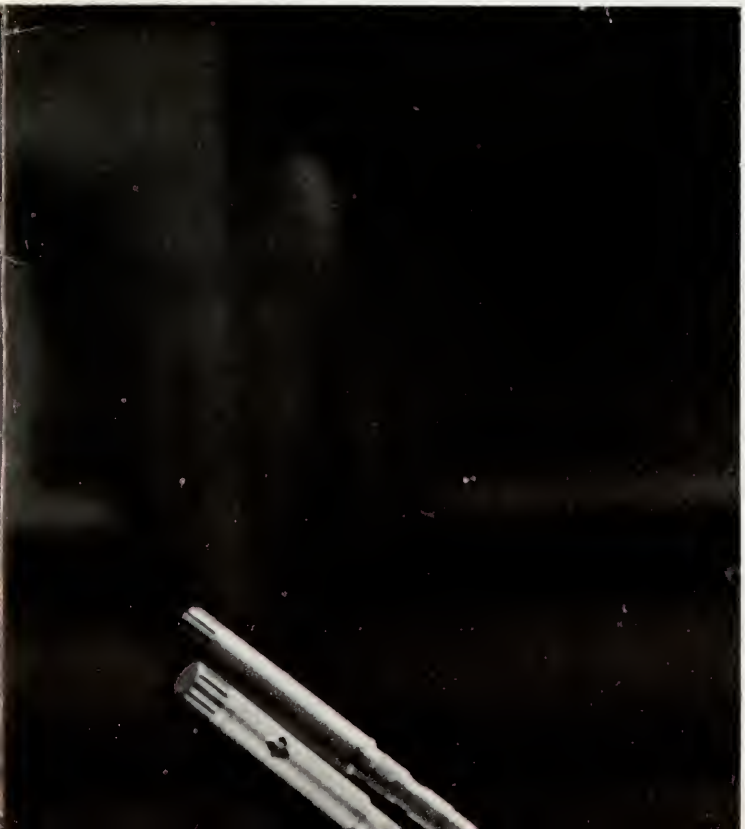


Let us read the words of the Saviour as recorded in the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John: " . . . If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32.)

And again in the 17th chapter of John, He said:

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (Ibid., 17:3.)

The first scripture quoted is a promise that if we continue in His word we shall know the truth and gain freedom; and the second, that it is life eternal to know God. Each of these scriptures envisions and requires an



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eternal quest; because gaining a complete knowledge of truth, or of God, is an infinite undertaking.

It has been repeatedly stated that we live in tremendous times—we live in the most significant period in the records of the human race. This is confirmed by our best scholars throughout the world, as they review for us the historic evolutions, revolutions, and reformations of the past. Civilised people everywhere are becoming aware of the ever-expanding complexity of our civilisation and of the almost miraculous advancement and improvement in the fields of travel and communication, not only on an international but on an interplanetary basis. This knowledge causes us to refer to our time and our accomplishments as, in modern vernacular, "out of this world." That phrase becomes almost literal.

In the midst of the rapid and unprecedented advance and discovery in many branches of science, we ask you, is it not reasonable to expect some new activity, some new thought, some new revelation in the most important dimension of human life — the spiritual dimension?

A. Paul Davis tells us, "The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but brotherhood." There must be social, moral, and spiritual solidarity in a world which is in hourly danger of extinction by bombs, missiles, and atomic fallout.

Many people, including some students and scholars, are unaware of the fact that also in the fields of theology and religion there have been revolutionary changes of thought, and they are of even greater consequence —greater because this area embraces all other fields of interest and activity.

The most intriguing and significant aspect of a man's search for truth is his continuing and compelling attempt to explain himself and his relation to the universe which envelops him, to find the cause behind the phenomena of life. The questions of whence and why and whither have persisted through the ages.

Any open-minded search for truth requires courage, constancy, and humility. To quote an ancient prayer:

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth,
From the laziness that is content with half truth,
From the arrogence that thinks it knows all truth,
O God of truth, deliver us."

Any thoughtful, prayerful search for and that He is a person, that His glory is intelligence, and that He has a will,

a purpose, and a plan in creating the universe and providing for man's earth life.

God is more than personality as we know it; He is that in perfect degree which our best is in imperfect degree. To have faith in a personal God, who can be referred to as "Father" gives man a sense of dignity and holds before him an ideal toward which to strive. Continuing in that faith one gets progressive answers to the disturbing questions of source, purpose, and destiny.

In Bible times, the prophets were the leaders of thought. In a sense they were the spiritual scientists who tapped the inexhaustible reservoirs of truth through the simple media of of direct revelation from God.

True religion is a vital function in human living, and its teachers and disciples should seek, understand, and advocate revealed truth. This truth demands our allegiance and will lead men to the promised freedom.

If religion is to keep pace with other human interests and refute the false charges of communism that there is no God, that Christ is a myth, that religion is an opiate, we must re-examine our prescribed beliefs as set forth in formulated creeds; we must compare our organisations and procedures and our theology with the teachings of the Holy Bible. Let us seek to find a church with an organisation that is identical with that set up in the New Testament.

And in our search for truth, we must purge ourselves of prejudice, for that closes the mind. Prejudice has been defined as a "vagrant opinion without visable means of support." Let us return then to a prayerful study of the Old and the New Testament, and have faith in the God of the Holy Bible who was known to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as Jehovah, and to Peter, John and Paul as the Messiah. Such a study will reveal that God is not a sovereign autocrat, but a loving, personal Father. This belief in the universal Fatherhood of God forms the basis for our faith in the universal brotherhood of man.

Our friends no doubt ask what is the Mormon creed. Although we announce no formal creed, the founder and first president of the Church did set forth as an epitome of the tenets of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, thirteen concise statements known as the Articles of Faith. These include fundamental and characteristic Gospel doctrine as taught by the Church of Jesus Christ in former days. The first of these articles declares:

Theology may be only dictation, but religion requires action.

"We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

That statement should reassure some of our friends who have wondered whether or not the Mormons are Christians.

That these articles are not, and were not intended to be, a complete and final exposition of beliefs is evidenced by the fact that we receive and expect continued revelation. In fact, we say in another Article of Faith:

"We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kindom of God." (Ninth Article of Faith).

These articles are authoritative; however, they form but an outline for the study of the theology of the Church.

Theology as a science has been defined as that branch of classified knowledge which deals with God and man, their relationship and the cooperative purpose. While theology may appeal primarily with the intellect, religion touches the heart, and it inspires men to live in accordance with the knowledge gained.

Theology may be only diction, but religion requires action. Religion is man's endeavour to adapt himself to the facts of existence as revealed by the Author and Creator of all that is. It differs from other such endeavours in that it seeks the adaptation of the whole of life to ultimate facts.

Now, as God is the fountain of truth and knowledge, the source of wisdom, and as theology and religion are primarily concerned with the existence of and our relationship to Deity, does it not seem obvious that this combined subject, theology and religion, when accurately defined and understood, is the queen of all the sciences? It embraces all truth and therefore includes all other sciences.

It deals with man's origin, purpose, and destiny, with the principles governing the creation of worlds, with God's eternal laws which are often called the laws of nature. God Himself has from the beginning been the Great Scientist, and He has taught men by personal manifestations as well as by ministration of His appointed servants.

But here as elsewhere, when the student comes to the edge of knowledge, he must lean on faith and continue his quest. He must "trust the soul's invincible surmise," as did Columbus. If science is built upon facts, its architect is faith.

As Dr. Talmage has eloquently said, "Though the veil of mortality with all

its obscurity may shut the light of the divine presence from the sinful heart, that separating curtain may be drawn aside and a heavenly light may shine into the righteous soul. By the listening ear attuned to the celestial music, the voice of God has been heard declaring His personality and will; to the eye that is freed from the moats and beams of sin, single in its search after truth, the hand of God has been made visable; within the soul properly purified by devotion and humility, the mind of God has been revealed."

The honest investigator must be prepared to follow wherever the search of truth may lead. Truth is often found in the most unexpected places. He must, with fearless and open mind "insist that facts are far more important than any cherished, mistaken beliefs, no matter how unpleasant the facts or how delightful the beliefs."

Quoting Lowell:

"New occasions teach new duties;
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still, and onward, who would keep abreast of Truth:"

As God is our Father and the source of all truth, as we are all primarily interested in attaining eternal life and as it is eternal life to know Him, surely an open-minded and courageous study of Him and His divine plan with respect to our salvation will be the most interesting and permanently rewarding of all ventures into the vast realms which invite man's questing spirit. It was doubtless a contemplation of this majestic theme that gave us the rhapsody recorded in John. He said:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2.)

The restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, which we proclaim, when understood and accepted, will unite all men in a common cause, and then only will all new scientific discoveries be utilised for the benefit of mankind Then we shall have peace. A knowledge of truth will help men to be free, whether it come by direct revelation as in the case of the prophets, from the written word of God as recorded in the scriptures, revealed as a result of research in the laboratory, in the flight of the astronaut as he circles the globe, or as revealed to a prayerful youth upon his knees in the sanctuary of a grove.

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We live in a world of fear today. Fear seems to be almost everywhere present. But there is no place for fear among the Latter-day Saints, among men and women who keep the commandments, who place their trust in the Almighty, who are not afraid to get down on their knees and pray to our Heavenly Father.

I remember an incident in the life of the prophet Joseph. God bless his memory! He had been persecuted with his people, driven, and at this particular time he was in Liberty Jail, incarcerated upon trumped-up charges. Finally, when it seemed as though he could stand it no longer, he cried out in the anguish of his soul, as recorded in the 121st section:

"O God, where art thou? And where is the pavilion that covereth thy hiding place?

"How long shall thy hand be stayed, and thine eye, yea thy pure eye, behold from the eternal heavens the wrongs of thy people and of thy servants, and thine ear be penetrated with their cries? (D&C 121:1—2.)

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And you will recall, the word came back to him:

"My son, peace be unto thy soul; thine adversity and thine afflictions shall be but a small moment;

"And then, if thou endure it well, God shall exalt thee on high; thou shalt triumph over thy foes." (Ibid., 121:7-8.)

Then the Lord pointed out to this great man, this prophet of God, that all these things had been given for the purpose of gaining experience, of helping to build him for the great responsibilities that lay ahead of him. How sweet and reassuring are the words of the Lord on that memorable occasion as he counselled:

" . . . know thou, my son, that all these things shall give thee experience, and shall be for thy good.

" . . . therefore, fear not what man can do, for God shall be with you forever and ever." (Ibid., 122:7,9.)

The Lord, speaking to His sons of this dispensation and the membership of his Church, gave the following admonition in another revelation:

"Fear not to do good, my sons, for whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap; therefore, if ye sow good ye shall also reap good for your reward.

"Therefore, fear not, little flock; do

good; let earth and hell combine against you, for if ye are built upon my rock, they cannot prevail.

" . . . perform with soberness the work which I have commanded you.

"Look unto me in every thought; doubt not, fear not." (Ibid., 6:33-36.)

You will also recall the admonition He gave to the early disciples of this dispensation, recorded in the Lord's preface to the Book of Commandments, the first section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"And they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them." (Ibid., 1:5.)

So among the Latter-day Saints, particularly, there should be no fears, even in a world where many people are concerned about atom bombs, the hydrogen bomb; where many are fearing Communism and some are talking fearfully of a depression. There need be no fear in the hearts of Latter-day Saints.

People who live the gospel, who keep the commandments, who trust in God and do that which is right, need never fear because God speaks peace to the honest in heart through His Spirit. Said the Lord in the 11th section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"And now, verily, verily, I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good-yea, to do justly . . . to judge righteously; and this is my Spirit. (Ibid. 11:12.)

On another occasion the Lord declared:

"The weak things of the world shall come forth and break down the mighty and strong ones, that man should not counsel his fellow man, **neither trust in** the arm of flesh." (Ibid., 1:19; bold added.)

Our Heavenly Father is continually mindful of us. It is His "work and glory" to make the exaltation of man possible. The course which He has outlined is simple, yet able to make men's stature reflect confident living free from fear. Hear His words:

"Let him trust in me and he shall not be confounded . . . " (Ibid., 84:116.)

There may come persecution; there may come opposition; there may come reverses; there may come criticism and misrepresentation. Our motives may be questioned. We may be attacked. But if we place our trust in the Almighty and do that which is right, there will come an inner assurance, an inner calm, a peace that will bring joy and happiness to our souls.

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There was a little band of struggling people in Harmony, Pennsylvania, in 1829. There was not yet a a Church; there was not yet a published Book of Mormon.

There was a man with a story, and the Spirit of God moved upon them and bore witness that he was telling the truth, and so they rallied to him and gave him their allegiance and asked him what they must now do.

The answers he gave them were the answers which made possible for them the greatest gift of God to man—happiness here, quiet conscience, truth, and eternal opportunities for creative expression ultimately in the kingdom of God with our Heavenly Father.

To this struggling little band, beset and sore tried, and I am sure some of them seriously concerned, came these words:

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published Book of Mormon, an organisation with officers, but the little Church was in its formative period. There was imposition. There was already serious mobbing. There was disbelief and great antagonism.

In that day to his people, through the Prophet, the Lord said:

"Wherefore, be of good cheer, and do not fear, for I the Lord am with you, and will stand by you; and ye shall bear record of me, even Jesus Christ, that I am the Son of the living God, that I was, that I am, and that I am to come." (Ibid., 68:6.)

Through all the books of recorded revelations of God to man, one may read again and again the marvellous message of fearlessness, of faith, of courage, of testimony, of a sound, strong mind. The words of Paul to Timothy, his son in the Gospel, give strength and courage and ought to lay foundations for us to stand up where we are and bear our own witness of faith and not of fear.

Said Paul to Timothy, as well you know, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Tim. 1:7.)

Out of the ancient record words well know, again to all of you, words of faith and assurance: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; . . . " (Psalm 23:4).

Through all the dealings of God with man there have been trials and troubles and afflictions and impositions and apprehensions, and there have been the repeated assurances of God to Man that he should be of courage and not fear.

There is one other citation in the Doctrine and Covenants which I would note, and one from the Book of Mormon. The section known as thirty-eight has in it some of the great literature of the restoration, in my estimation, and among the statements of faith and assurance God gave us this magnificent, simple and wonderful one:" . . . if ye are prepared ye shall not fear." (D&C 38:30.)

Alma, teaching the people out of his own experience, and some of it had

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been less than admirable in his youth, answered in a most marvellous way what the preparation is that we must have if we are to stand without fear. In the fifth chapter of the book of Alma are these wonderful words, and they are written (spoken in their time) to those who had once experienced a change of heart.

Alma's question to them is" . . . if you have experienced a change of heart, and if you have felt to sing the song of redeeming love, I would ask, can you feel so now? And then these questions:

"Have ye walked, keeping yourselves blameless before God? Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble?" . . .

"Behold, are ye stripped of pride? I say unto you, if ye are not ye are not prepared to meet God. Behold ye must prepare quickly; for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand, and such an one hath not eternal life.

"Behold, I say, is there one among you who is not stripped of envy? I say unto you that such an one is not prepared; . . .

" . . . is there one among you that doth make a mock of his brother, or that heapeth upon him persecutions?

"Wo unto such an one, for he is not prepared, . . . " (Alma 5:26-31).

The Lord has given us in his great goodness and graciousness a foundation of firmness upon which we may stand if we will, without fear, but with faith, based on preparation, a preparation which He, through His prophets, has clearly spelled out.

If you have had a testimony of the gospel, if you have felt in your heart this great stirring, moving, satisfying love of God, do you have it now? Are you obedient? Do you keep the commandments of God?

He talked of humility and of faithfulness. He talked of weeding out of our lives pride and envy, persecutions and mockery. I offer these simple suggestions—over-simplified and only in headline—as to what we may do to have faith and weed out fear.

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Aaronic Priesthood Adult Seminar

IT WORKS!



THE
LONDON STAKE
PROGRAMME



"Brother Jones, we're your new Home Teachers from the Brighthorpe Ward. My name is David Jackson, and this is my young companion Peter Thomson.

"May we come in and speak with you for a while. Thank you.

"Brother Jones, we are on a special assignment from the Stake President . . . "

So the first step in a new and exciting London Stake programme is taken by our two Home Teachers, Elder Jackson and Deacon Peter Thomson, calling at the door of an inactive brother in the Adult Aaronic Priesthood.

We call it a new programme, for although the idea of working with inactive and semi-active brethren is almost as old as the Church itself, a new approach has been made to the method of re-activation by the London Stake Adult Aaronic Priesthood Committee—headed up by the Stake President's 1st Counsellor Donald Hemingway.

And we call it exciting, for although it has been in action for only a few weeks, already the results show that our inactive brethren CAN be brought back into the Church—using the right approach and maintaining the right attitude and pressure.

The idea is based around an intensive 14-week Home Teaching campaign.

And before anyone says, "Oh, that's impossible for us. We couldn't involve our Wards in a 14-week programme," consider the end result . . . and then ask yourselves again, "Is the programme worthwhile?"

In fact, the Home Teachers are the KEY to the whole programme. Without their continued support and activity, the re-activation schedule would be broken and the programme would grind to a halt.

BUT IT WORKS . . .



"Brother Jones, we understand from Bishop Smith that you were baptised into the Church about three years ago and that although you were active when you first joined, you have been finding it very difficult to get to Church during the past couple of years.

"We believe that you were ordained to the office of a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

"We would like to try and help you overcome your problems, Brother Jones, and in five weeks time we will be starting a six-week series of seminar lessons held one night during the week in the home of Brother Atkinson.

"We are inviting seven or eight brethen, just like yourself, and their wives to attend the seminar in the homely surroundings of Brother Atkinson's lounge.

"We would like to challenge you to make the effort to attend this seminar with your wife on the Friday evening. We don't want you to give us your answer now . . .'but we would like to leave with you this little pamphlet entitled, 'Can we help YOU?'

We would like to ask you to read it through, and talk about it with your wife and your family.

"There are five little lessons inside the pamphlet, and each one answers a question which we are sure has come into your mind at sometime during your membership in the Church and has bothered you."



One of the problems which we had to face in the London Stake was the fact that many of our Adult Aaronic brethen who had become inactive found it difficult to talk about the Gospel with their Home Teachers. They were embarrassed by a discussion about God, and they didn't want to kneel in prayer.

We felt that if our Re-activation Programme was to work, then the first move was to re-light the spark of Gospel thinking, Gospel talking, Gospel praying in the minds and hearts of the Adult Aaronic.

No blatant . . . "Brother Jones, we're holding a Priesthood Seminar for you and all the other inactive brethen in five weeks time, how about coming . . .

This would be the wrong approach—and the wrong attitude.

No—we wanted to quicken their spirits once more with genuine Gospel discussions in their homes.



"Perhaps, Brother Jones, we could talk about the first of these mini-lessons this evening? It's entitled 'Why Bother With Me?'

"As we visit many of our families, we find that the father of the family, who has been inactive for a number of years, will often ask us, 'But why bother calling on me . . . why do you continue to visit my home . . . surely there are others who need your help more than I do.'

"And, Brother Jones, our answer is always the same . . . we bother because you ARE our brother. God is our Heavenly Father. He is the father of our spirits, of all of us . . . and that makes you and I brothers, Brother Jones—that's why we bother.

"Have you got a Bible handy? Perhaps you would like to turn to Hebrews, Chapter 12 and Verse 9 . . .

"You see, Brother Jones, this verse of scripture teaches us that we are all sons and daughters of God . . . that He is your Father and my father.

"And Jesus Christ tells us quite clearly in the Bible that we must love our brother, and do all that we can to help him.

"Now would you like to turn to John, chapter 4, verse 20 and 21, and read that passage for us, please . . . "



For four weeks we ask our London Stake Home Teachers to visit with one or two inactive or semi-active Adult Aaronic Priesthood families . . . calling on them once a week for four weeks, and each time talking to them about the forthcoming seminar and discussing with them one of the mini-lessons in the pamphlet.

The "Can we have YOU?" pamphlet was written by the London Stake Adult Aaronic Priesthood Committee, and is designed to re-introduce Gospel discussions into the homes of those brethen who have got out of the habit

of talking about God, got out of the habit of opening their Bible or Book of Mormon, got out of the habit of saying prayers.

Brother Jones has got to be made to feel important again, to feel needed — just as he was when he was first taught the Gospel by two missionary Elders who called on his home come hail, snow and high wind.

On the last of the four "build-up" visits, the Home Teachers automatically make arrangements to call for Brother and Sister Jones on the first evening of the Seminar the next week and take them to the home of Brother Atkinson.

The Seminar lasts for six weeks, and the speakers are selected from the Stake Presidency, the Stake Patriarchs, the Temple President, the Stake Adult Aaronic Committee and the Stake High Council.

The Seminar evening comprises an hour-long talk on the Gospel, thirty minutes of questions and 15 minutes of socialising afterwards with a soft drink and a biscuit or two.

During the whole of this six-week period we expect our Home Teachers to bring their families to the Seminar, to sit with them during the evening and encourage them to participate in the question time discussion period.

Afterwards they take the families home, talking with them about the lesson, asking them if they have questions that didn't receive an answer . . . and make arrangements to call for them again the next week and take them to the next lesson.

The six lessons are designed to take the Adult Aaronic brethen back to the simple Gospel teachings that they first received from the missionary Elders and right up to lessons on the Melchizedek Priesthood, its power and authority—and all its blessings.

The whole purpose of this Reactivation Programme is, of course, (a) to bring the brethen back into activity again, (b) to advance them through to the Melchizedek Priesthood, and (c) to get them to the Temple for their own endowments.

When the six-week seminar has been completed, the Home Teachers take over again with four Follow-Up lessons, which they give in the home of the family. These lessons are a continuation of the seminar discussions, ending —on the fourth week after the seminar —with the ultimate lesson. "Why I should go to the Temple."

These four follow-up lessons are in far greater detail and depth than the five mini-lessons of the "Can We Help YOU?" pamphlet, and take 20 to 30 minutes to give in the home.



And the result?

Two features have resulted from the Adult Aaronic Seminar Programme run in the London Stake.

First, we have discovered that a very real and very strong attachment is being built between the Adult Aaronic brethen and the Home Teachers who have been calling on their homes regular for 14 weeks.

This, of course, is the basis of a rehabilitation programme such as we are running.

The second result—and one that is very exciting, as far as we are concerned—is that it IS bringing inactive

brethen and their wives back into the Church.

In one of our Wards, for instance, ten families started the course of 14 weeks, and all ten remained throughout the course and remained active after the course had been completed. Two of the brethen were advanced to the Melchizedek Priesthood at the end of the programme.

With great joy in our hearts, we can testify to you that this programme . . . this new and exciting programme for the re-activation of our Adult Aaronic brethen, works.

Next month

Once again the British saints have been called upon to lead the way, to give guidance to the Church in a new programme. Next month the "Millennial Star" takes on a new form . . . a "unified form."

For years the General Authorities have been considering the possibility of combining all of the Church magazines inside one cover, presenting the reader with all the necessary information, instruction and spiritual uplift in ONE magazine . . . instead of duplicating it through five monthly publications.

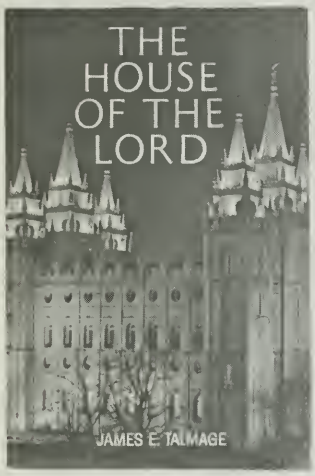
Now the "Star" has been asked to lead the way . . . to be the proving ground of a scheme that could have wonderful, far reaching possibilities for our members throughout the British Stakes and Missions.

Next month the "Star" will include the instructional material necessary for the good running of each auxiliary—material normally found in the monthly "Instructor," "Relief Society Magazine," "Era" or "Children's Friend." It will, of course, continue to contain British inspired material . . . BUT, THE BASIC THOUGHT BEHIND THIS PROGRAMME IS TO EASE THE BURDEN OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO NEED TO PURCHASE EVERY MAGAZINE IN ORDER TO FULFIL ALL OF THEIR CHURCH ASSIGNMENTS NOW ALL OF THE NECESSARY MATERIAL WILL BE IN THE "STAR" — STARTING JANUARY 1970 . . . DON'T MISS IT!

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Gathering of the Clans



The new "Gathering of the Clan's" programme being introduced by the Mission assistants in full Scottish highland dress. Elder Ronald Orlan Scott and Elder Harvey Barr Carlisle III, along with President F. Nephi Grigg, display the tartan dress worn by their fellow clansmen.

Many long years ago, or so the legends say, kilted clansmen strode through the Scottish Highlands—giant-sized men who were proud and courageous defenders of truth, fearless and mighty in battle, kind and gentle to the ones they loved—a noble creed for those wonderful soldiers of yore.

Today that same type of creed has been adopted by the fifteen missionary districts in the Scottish Mission as they accept the challenge of their new proselyting programme, "Gathering of the Clans."

New Scottish clan names now designate the several districts as the new clan members unite themselves into a force for good. Tartan ties, patterns of unity from their adopted families, are now worn to all district meetings. A coat-of-arms, distinctive to each

district is placed on a background of tartan and hung proudly in these meetings.

This new programme has brought added excitement and the desire to fulfil our divine callings to the best of our ability here in Scotland. The elders and sisters are now truly aware of this great land, its history, and its people.

But, along with the excitement and added desire, a spiritual note is also found in this programme.

> "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand, in the evil day." (Eph. 6:13). Ours is great battle, not unlike the mighty clansmen's in days gone by—Paul declares, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:12).
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> Yes, ours is a battle royal but we in the Scottish Mission are aware of the magnitude of this battle. And through diligence, through preparation, knowing truth, and by taking with us the 'shield of faith,' we know "ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." (Eph. 6:16).

What a wonderful heritage is ours in Scotland. The blood of Israel is strong in this fair land—the saints are strong in their testimony of the gospel as restored through a modern prophet, Joseph Smith. The clans WILL be gathered as this wonderful new programme suggests—for we of the Scottish Mission love this restored gospel and we know that as we unite as did our forefathers that we will triumph over the adversary and bring the gospel message to the clans of Scotland.

I AM



by Ann Stoner

At school I am studying Religious Knowledge for my A levels, and in the New Testament section of our studies we are working our way through St. John's Gospel, which contains many of Christ's outstanding teachings.

The most important of these are in Christ's teachings about himself . . . the "I am . . . " saying.

To many people these sayings are obscure.

This is because they are full of sym- Jewish audiences, so you need to know a bit about Jewish ideas in order to understand the meaning of some bolish. Jesus was a Jew and spoke to of the "I am . . . " sayings.

The full list of saying is . . .
"I am the Bread of Life.'
"I am the Light of the World."
"I am the Door.'
"I am the Good Shepherd."
'I am the Resurrection and the Life."
"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."
"I am the True Vine."

Unfortunately, we have not yet reached the 15th chapter, where the last saying is found, so I will have to omit that one in my talk.





n the 6th chapter of John, verse 35, we read, "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

In order to understand this saying we must go back a little. At the beginning of the chapter is the story of the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, when Jesus fed the multitude with five loaves and two fishes. Later, the people sought Him out, but He said to them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled" (v26). They had come to Him because of the physical blessings that He gave to them.

Jesus had great difficulty in teaching the people because they had the wrong conception of the Messiah. They were looking to Him as their Messiah because of the physical things He did for them, but Jesus tried to show them that He had come for their spiritual aid. What they should have wanted was eternal life and fellowship with God.

Having just satisfied their physical hunger with bread, He now said to them, "I am the bread of life."

He can satisfy our spiritual needs. If we partake of Him we will never hunger for spiritual sustenance again. As bread sustains the physical body, so Christ is necessary for spiritual life.

In verses 47 to 51 Jesus says,

"Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth in me hath everlasting life.

"I am that bread of life.

"Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

"This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Jesus uses the comparison with manna because it was near the time of the Feast of the Passover when Jewish minds would be full of the stories of the time in the wilderness. When their ancestors were starving, God provided Moses with manna to feed them . . . but they were now dead—the physical sustenance was of no lasting benefit.

But if people will partake of Christ, the living bread, then they shall ive for ever.

The next "I am . . . " saying is found in chapter 8, verse 12.

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

To understand this it is necessary to know a little about the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. At one point in the feast four giant candles were lit in memory of the people being led in the wilderness by the pillar of light from God. As the candles were lit, Jesus stood up and said, "I am the light of the world."

What he was really saying was that just as the pillar of light had led their ancestors in the wilderness, so is He the guide of all men.

But there is a lot more to this, because there is a lot of symbolism attached to light.

Today we often use the expression, "I am completely in the dark," meaning "I don't understand." Darkness has always stood for ignorance and evil—like the Dark Ages, the Prince of Darkness—being lost or bewildered.

This was the state of the people to whom Jesus was talking. They had lost contact with God, with all the resulting evils.

But today we also say that something is enlightening, meaning that it informs or instructs; and light has always stood for everything good and clean and right.

As the light of the world, Jesus is a revelation of God . . . God revealing Himself, so His children would no longer be ignorant of Him.

So Jesus is, in effect, saying, "I am a revelation of God. Through me you can know God. I am the leader and guide of all mankind. I am necessary for spiritual life and eternal salvation."

Then in chapter 10, verse 9, Christ said,

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.'

The dictionary definition of "door" is "any means by which to go in or out; way to get something; access'"

Christ is the means by which we can find access to God and obtain eternal life.

But in verse 7 we read,

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep."

This brings more significance to Christ saying that He is the "door." In the East the door the sheepfold was merely an opening in the wall, so the shepherd would lead his sheep into the fold and then lie across the opening—literally forming the door with his own body. In this way he could protect the sheep and prevent them from wandering away and getting lost. The sheep could move about freely within the fold, protected from all danger by the shepherd.

I am sure you can already see Christ's meaning. He often referred to the people as "sheep" and in the same chapter He refers to Himself as the shepherd. Not only is He therefore the means by which we can obtain eternal life, but if we become one of His sheep He will protect us and keep us

safe . . . by becoming one of his followers we have Him as our guardian, not only against outside evils but so that we cannot lose ourselves in sin and weakness.

The idea of Christ being the shepherd, which is indicated by his saying "I am the door," is more plainly stated only two verses later in John 10, 11 and 14.

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

The Eastern shepherd knew each of his sheep by name, and knew everything about each of them. The sheep in turn knew him and would follow the sound of his voice as he walked along in front of them. It was a very personal relationship.

This is the kind of relationship we can have with Christ if only we will allow Him to be our shepherd and guide us.

In the Book of Mormon, Alma speaks of Christ as the good shepherd and gives this warning, found in chapter 5, verses 37 to 39,

"O ye workers of iniquity; ye that are puffed up in the vain things of the world, ye that have professed to have known the ways of righteousness, nevertheless have gone astray, as sheep having no shepherd, notwithstanding a shepherd hath called after you and is still calling after you, but ye will not hearken unto his voice!

"Behold, I say unto you, that the good shepherd doth call you; yea, and in his own name he doth call you, which is the name of Christ; and if ye will not hearken unto the voice of the good shepherd, to the name by which ye are called, behold, ye are not the sheep of the good shepherd.

"And now, if ye are not the sheep of the good shepherd, of what fold are ye? Behold, I say unto you, that the devil is your shepherd, and ye are of his fold."

Christ says,

'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

"And I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28).

In the 11th chapter of John we read of the death of Lazarus, and in verse 17,

"Then when Jesus came he found that he had lain in the grave four days already."

So Lazarus was well and truly dead! But in speaking to Martha . . .

"Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again."

But Martha did not understand, so He explained, in verses 25 and 26.

" . . . I am the ressurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

This is a claim to divinity. God is the

giver of life, and here Jesus is claiming that He can do this also . . . and He proves it by bringing Lazarus back from the dead.

He said, "I am the resurrection," and by his own resurrection He made it possible for all mankind to be resurrected . . . so He is, in fact, "the resurrection" for all of us.

The Book of Mormon prophet Abinadi said,

"And if Christ had not risen from the dead, or have broken the bonds of death that the grave should have no victory, and that death should have no sting, there would have been resurrection.

"But there is a resurrection, therefore the grave hath no victory, and the sting of death is swallowed up by Christ." (Mosiah 16:7—8)

Jesus conquered death, and by His death on the cross He gave life to mankind . . . eternal life. And this was particularly true in the spiritual sense, for the people had turned away from God and were spiritually dead. Jesus had come to bring them back to God and therefore was giving them spiritual life.



In chapter 14, verses 4 to 6, we read,

"And wither I go ye know; and the way ye know.

"Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

This is the most wonderful and meaningful of all the "I am" sayings. It is easier to explain if I take each part separately.

You will notice that Christ said, "I am the way" not "I can show you the way" or "I can teach you the way." The only way to God is through Jesus Christ. He does not simply teach us the way so that we can follow it, making Him unnecessary once we know what to do . . . He IS the way and we cannot reach God without Him.

Just as a mountain guide cannot just point out the path on the map and leave the climb to you, but must take you up and you must be attached to him, so it is with Christ.

In the same way He said, "I am the truth." We think of truth as being something abstract and intangible, but in actual fact truth, in the end, is a person—God; and Jesus is one with God. God is the living image of pure truth, and so is Christ.

Christ also said, "I am the life." He is life itself, the source of life, and indeed we know that He was instrumental in the creation of this world.

So the only way we can return to God is through Christ, and the way we go through Christ is by adhering to the truth and thus becoming one with Him, so that we may inherit the life He offers us.

● **Ann Stoner is 17 years of age, and works as South London Ward Librarian. This talk was given in a Sacrament meeting.**





The Infinite Compos

by Gillian G. Brown-Lee



The great composer sat within his room,
And wrote a part for every instrument,
He blended wondrous themes into a whole
Most beautiful and yet so quickly spent.

But there is one whose genius is more great,
His work is far more beautiful to see,
He blended all live things, all natural sounds
Into an everlasting symphony.

He took the mighty ocean's angry roar
And tempered it with plaintive cries of gulls,
The calls of cormorants and guillemots,
Which fly for shelter till the great storm lulls.



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He formed the silent forests, wrapped in peace,
Within their muted grandeur music grows,
The gentle cooing of the woodland dove,
The tinkle as the streamlet softly flows.

He shaped the rolling uplands, and the plains,
With March wind whispering through the waving grass,
With shyest creatures swiftly burrow bound
As human steps approach, and gently pass.

He sent the speeding comet on its course
That each might have free passage on its flight,
Then massed the myriad stars of Milky Way
Into a highway of celestial light.

His orchestra is heard throughout the world,
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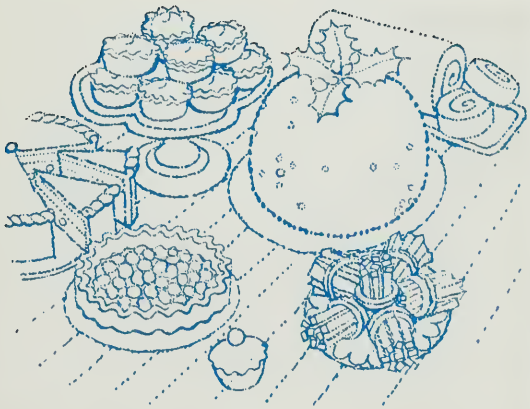
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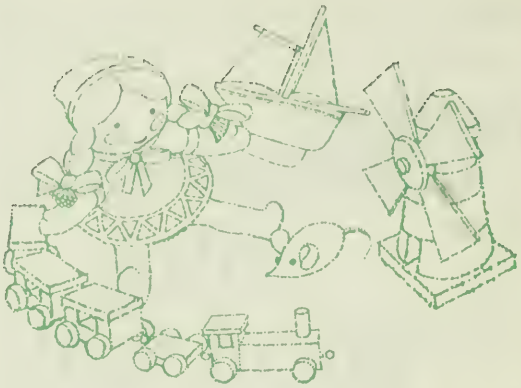
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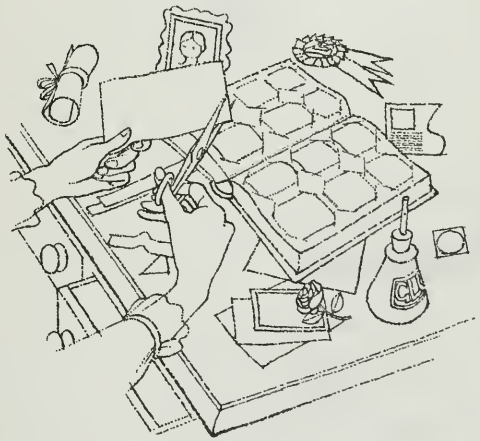
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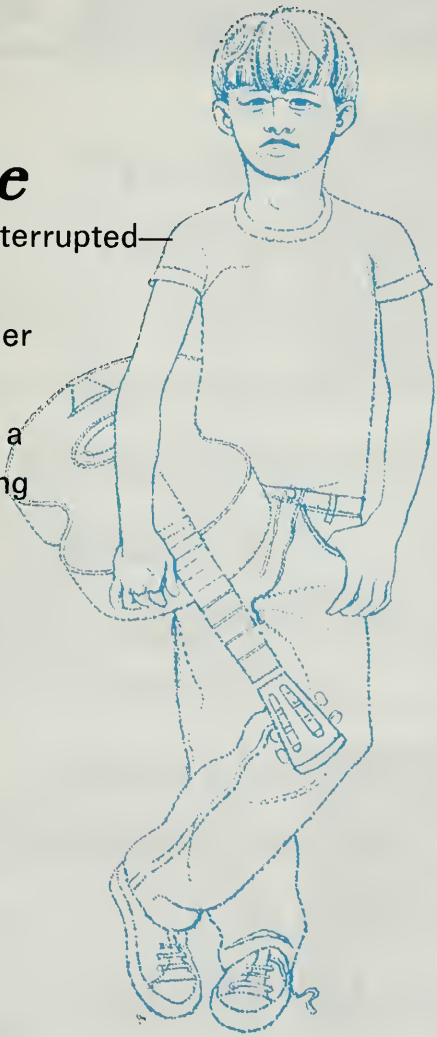


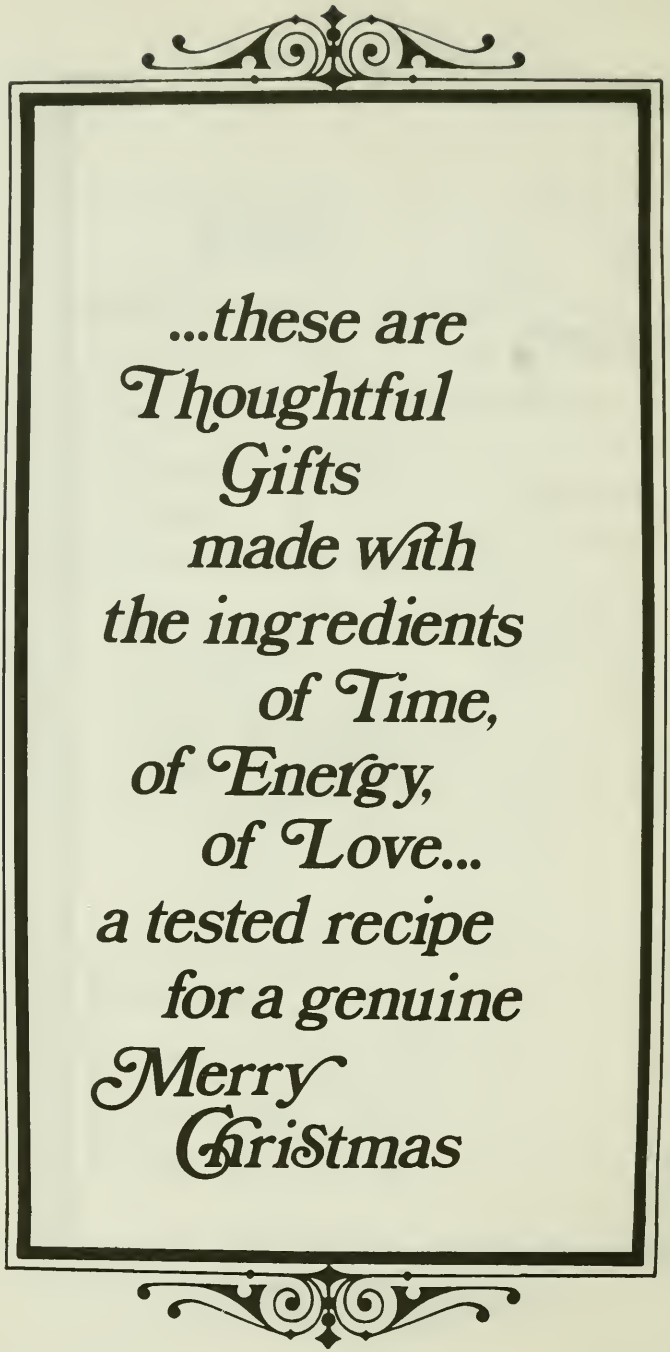
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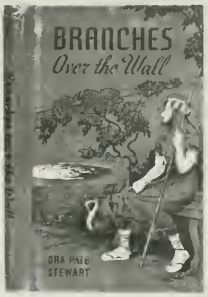
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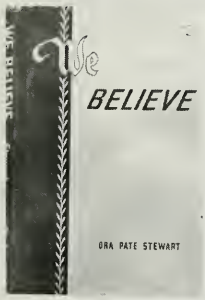



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A nice extra touch for your gift is to include a neatly typed or handwritten recipe card that can be used by your friend in the future. Sign your name and add "Christmas, 1969."

GRAPEFRUIT RASPBERRY COCKTAIL

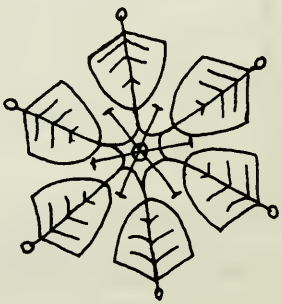
This recipe is not one that you would give, but is so delicious as a "different" first course for your Christmas Lunch that we are including it.

4 fresh grapefruit peeled and sectioned. Be sure to remove all of the white skin as it is bitter. If you prefer, you can use good quality tinned grapefruit sections. Be sure that the sections are whole.

1 package frozen raspberries

4 ounces sugar

Combine sugar and raspberries and cook over slow heat until the sugar disolves. Press raspberries ahrough a sieve over grapefruit. Chill thoroughly and serve.



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MAGIC TABLE DECORATION

This bowl of dancing, coloured balls will add interest to any festive occasion and will serve as a Christmas conversation piece for your holiday guests.

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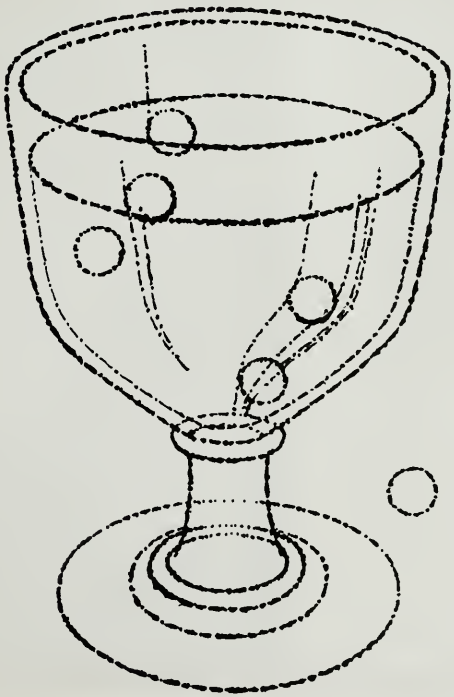
1 tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda

5 tablespoons of vinegar

6 mothballs

a few drops of red or green food colouring

In a few minutes the moth balls will begin to dance and will continue to do so for an hour or longer.



How good just to mingle together!
How good joyful music to hear!
How many the friendships we'll cherish
That perhaps will be started right here.
Our bond is our God-given treasure,
This wonderful treasure intends
That we women, we daughters, we mothers,
We helpmates, we sisters, we friends,
Should be close, should be gracious and loving,
Should be tender and gentle and true.
This is why, and we mean it sincerely,
We really do want to know you.
So we really do wish you a welcome
That is warm, and is cordially meant,

Welcome

by Elizabeth McCormack
Education Counsellor
Manchester Stake
Relief Society



We are happy to greet you this evening,
Your enjoyment is our first intent.
Then if, at the end of our meeting,
We have made you feel really at home.
If we make one new friend, or a dozen,
We'll be happy—and not us alone . . .
There is one who looks down on meetings
As he looked on Naomi and Ruth.
He just hopes that His daughters in this present day
Will, like them, understand this great Truth.
That it's pleasing to know one another,
That in empathy, friendships are made,
Opportunity doesn't stand knocking,
Grasp it now—or maybe it will fade.



STAR NEWS

BIRMINGHAM STAKE

The new Stake did not waste any time during the first month of its organisation. The Relief Society was the first auxiliary to bring all its members together for a Song Festival at the Woodsetton Chapel on October 11. Six Wards and Branches took part providing 68 Singing Mothers between them, which was very good considering that they had only three weeks to prepare.

Elder and Sister Hollingworth, from the Central British Mission, acted as adjudicators, and they said afterwards that all the groups had sung extremely well and been highly marked. There were only a few points deciding the winners in each section.

Worcester Ward gained the highest number of points for the set piece, and then tied with Woodsetton in the section for their own choice of song. Birmingham 2nd Ward won the choral speaking section. They all received certificates, which were presented to them by President Stanley Woods, 1st Counsellor in the Stake Presidency.

While the judges were making their decisions, President Derek Cuthbert reported on his visit to the General Conference, and—of special interest to the sisters—about the Relief Society Sessions. There was a wonderful spirit prevailing during the whole afternoon, and Relief Society Stake President Gladys Jones, thanked the sisters for their support and encouraged them to continue with their singing so that they would always be ready when called upon in the Ward or Stake to give a choral item.

The second big event was the Inaugural Ball which took place after the Leadership meeting on October 25. Stake M.I.A. Leaders David Mace and Anne Reynolds were responsible for the organisation, but unfortunately Sister Reynolds was unable to be there on the night because of illness.

Dancing, which began at 8 p.m., was to Paul Westbrook and his Music, who introduced many novelty dances to keep the Ball going in full swing. The hall was gay with balloons, and the colourful and beautiful gowns of the sisters certainly made it a night to be remembered. President and Sister Cuthbert were there and were presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums by David Mace on behalf of the members of the Stake.

Much of the work behind the scenes, including preparation of refreshments was done by M.I.A. Stake counsellors, Bernard Haw, Val Richards and Val Pittaway.

WOODSETTON Ward hired a double-decker bus to take their young members on an outing to Milford Common.

On arrival at their destination the children immediately began to play games, while the sisters formed themselves into a "Knitting Circle"! The Priesthood entertained, in more ways than they had originally intended, by giving a display of some sort of leapfrog, also baseball, football and unofficial wrestling. After refreshments a walk was called to "walk it all off," then everyone reboarded the bus for the homeward journey, during which everyone was provided with lollipops.

Ever tried walking 20 miles? WOODSETTON did and no-one was sure which was the most tired, tongues or feet, but everyone rallied enough to attend a barbecue in the evening. There was many a blister burst during the folk dancing sessions in the Cultural hall, but though feet were tender hearts were gay and everyone throughly enjoyed the day's activities.

Talent obviously abounds in the WEDNESFIELD Branch, and "Social 69" organised by the M.I.A. provided fun and games for members and investigators. President Bob Sherratt, assisted by Howard Smith, performed an amusing skit. They were followed by Edmund Klich, who sang in Polish and then surprised everyone with a catchy mouth organ solo. Pleasant 'pop' songs came from Norman Cope, and the evening closed with the singing of the folk group "Saintly Wake." Even after a hectic evening the saints and their guests found breath to make the rafters ring by joining in the choruses with this talented group.

WALSALL Ward held a very rewarding Jumble Sale on October 10, when they raised £23 for their Church funds. Large crowds of people attended and kept the members busy, but though it was hard work, everyone enjoyed it.

HANDSWORTH Chapel was the venue for a Pioneer Social to open the Birmingham Ward Relief Society.



The St. Bernards Waltz during Birmingham Stake's Inaugural Ball

Sisters wore charming pioneer costumes and were honoured by the presence of the Bishopric.

After the lesson previews, a most delectable buffet supper was served by R. S. President Winifred Megeney and her counsellor Doris Tisdale. This was followed by the Brigham Young University Production film "And Should We Die."

Everyone agreed it had been a very pleasant evening and enjoyable start to the winter session.

BRITISH MISSION

At District Conference on September 28 at Norwich, the KINGS LYNN Branch was made Independent. Anthony S. P. Frost is the Branch President, with Elder Geoffrey Bunn as 1st Counsellor and Elder Brian Summer as 2nd Counsellor President Frost paid tribute to all the members who had made it possible, with special mention of Sister Bunn and her family and Sister Bent, who at times have been the only members in Kings Lynn. Now there are a number of new members and the branch has seven district missionaries, of which three are new members.

GORLESTON Branch M.I.A. have formed a sea fishing group and during the winter hope to have some successful matches, later they will challenge other groups.

Their Relief Society opened the new session with a dinner and preview of the lessons. The room was tastefully decorated with flowers and bunting in blue and gold, and about 30 sisters were present.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

On Friday and Saturday evenings, September 19 and 20, the PORTSMOUTH Branch choir presented "A Holiday Sing-a-Long" in the branch hall. This took the form of a holiday trip by Granny, Anne Plumbly; a mother, Eileen Gulvin; and two children, Lizbeth Gulvin and Ian Trise. The trip began with a visit to "Old Father Thames" in London, then the family

Gorleston Branch Scout Patrol





Sing-a-long. A holiday revue by the Portsmouth Branch

included Audrey Taylor, Christine Trise, Angela Trise and Christine Robertson. In addition to those already mentioned, Fiona Trise, Alison Brazier, Jeff Randall, and Trevor MacInnes were also in the cast. Iris Johns was the pianist and the production was directed by Janet Herridge, assisted by Mark Gulvin. Charles Newman doubled as the travel agent and the narrator who introduced the various scenes. Doris Taylor was the choir director.
travelled on and visited Denmark, Holland, Austria, Spain, the United States and ended with a tour of the British Isles.

A delightful comedy sidelight was the great desire of "granny" to go to Bournemouth, but as the journey proceeded she gradually forgot this and showed greater interest in the other countries.

Soloists for the concert were Janet Kemp, Gloria Jones, Doris Taylor, Terry Mitchell and Les Herridge with his guitar. The Scottish dancing was directed by Esne Trise and the dancers

The evening ended with a real sing-a-long, as the audience joined the cast in singing well known songs.

In addition to the two performances at the branch hall, the show was presented at the Alexandra Lodge, for the enjoyment of the elderly people who live there. Both cast and audience enjoyed this performance tremendously.

CRAWLEY Branch Relief Society invited the Priesthood to their Autumn Social on September 30, and special guests for the evening were President and Sister McKeown, from the London Temple.

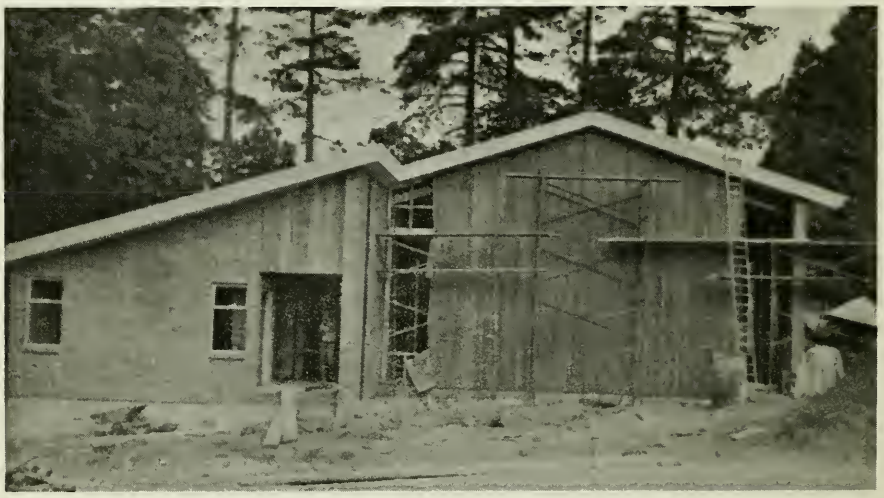
The class leaders presented their lessons beautifully, and each one stood by a small table on which they had visual aids depicting their lessons for the coming year. Sister McKeown then gave a short inspirational talk, followed by Branch President Arthur Casbon, who thought that the Priesthood would enjoy Relief Society lessons.

Each sister brought along a dish of

food, and the tables looked beautiful. All the 59 brethen and sisters present certainly enjoyed the variety of dishes. Towards the close of the evening, Mabel Hewitt sang the song "My Dearest Dear," and Millicent K. Winsor, missionary working at the Temple, read a poem that she had written.



"Building" Missionaries at Hasting—left to right, Elders Scoll (Los Angeles), Meikel (Utah), Craft Utah), Golbraight (San Francisco), Goff (Utah) and Svenson (Sweden).



CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

On September 20 the MIDLANDS NORTH District Primary held an "Autumn Fayre" at the Newcastle-under-Lyme Chapel. Approximately 52 children were present on this beautiful Autumn day. They had great fun on the Hoopla and Skittles and the many other stalls that were situated around the Chapel grounds. Derek Guildford retired as the pillow-fighting champion, and the strength of the priesthood was very evident—they gave piggy-back rides around the grounds. Later on everyone went across to the park where races were held. Adrian Cotton and Matthew Cork won the crawling races, and Philip Cotton and Carol Burgess won sprints. About 56 prizes were given in all. The older children took part in a Treasure Hunt while the younger ones played Blind-Man's Buff. They then had a sit-down tea and declared that the whole afternoon had been "smashing."

The MIDLANDS NORTH District M.I.A. cooked and served an excellent dinner at the Newcastle Branch. The tables were choicely decorated with roses of various colours, together with yellow daisies and gladioli.

Thirty-six people sat down to dinner, which was served by some members of the District M.I.A. Guests included President Clifton Johnson, his wife and three of their children. The President's assistant, Elder Darger, also accompanied them. The menu included chicken, boiled and baked potatoes, peas, sprouts and sliced beans. Apple or apple and blackberry tart and fresh cream. Cheese and biscuits and fruit drinks.

After the dinner had been cleared away, there was dancing to the music of a band, which included modern and old time. During the interval cheese, biscuits and squash were served at moderate charges. A few more members arrived for the dancing, which continued until 11.30 p.m.

A farewell party was held at the NEWCASTLE Branch on Saturday October 11 for Christine Salt, who has joined H.M. Forces.

In the first of a new series of monthly Firesides for the youth of the Central British Mission and the Birmingham and Leicester Stakes, over 160 young people gathered together at the Mission Home in Sutton Coldfield for a Harvest Festival. They brought gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers, which were placed on display for the evening. There was a wonderful atmosphere and spirit in the crowded lounge; all the chairs were occupied and most of them had to sit on the floor. The rafters rang as they sang favourite Harvest hymns, but there was a reverent quiet as they listened to talks by Pauline Such, Northfield Branch, Charles Baxter from Newcastle Branch, Birmingham Stake Y.W. President Anne Reynolds from Lichfield.

Maureen Cuthbert, Birmingham Ward, and Jeff Davies, Woodsetton Ward, are joint chairman of the Firesides, and have a committee of 12 to help them select the programmes, which promise to be varied and interesting as well as spiritual. Judging from the attendance at this first Fireside the youth are certainly enthusiastic about the programme.

All the gifts of food were later distributed to the elderly, needy and sick people of the surrounding area.

LONDON STAKE

"Talking Memories" was the theme of the LONDON STAKE M.I.A. Maid and Laurel Evening on October 18. Dawn Harrison, Stake Laurel Leader, conducted the meeting, which was also attended by the girl's leaders and parents.

The Symbolism of the Rose was given by Christine Beswick, of Luton, and Pauline Doggett gave the Laurel Crest. Guest Speaker for the evening was Sister Donna Hemingway.

CATFORD Primaries held their summer activities in September this year. As they have two primaries, one held at the chapel and the other at the home Sister McKay at Abbey Wood, they had two separate groups of Trailbuilders who went to overnight camps.

The Catford group with their teacher, Derek Hunt, went by car to Camber Sands in Kent, where they spent the night under canvas. The following day they drove up the coast visiting Dover and Deal and then on to Canterbury where they saw many of the fine old buildings in the town. They ended up at the Isle of Sheppy, but by that time the weather had become very stormy and they decided to go home. They reached Brother Hunt's house and spent the night there after a very hectic but enjoyable day.

The following Saturday the younger children went to Greenwich Park for their outing where they played games of cricket, tag, football and even ring-o-roses, before having a picnic lunch on the grass. Later they made their way to the play area and enjoyed the swings, round-a-bouts, etc. and also watched a Punch and Judy show. To round off the day, everyone went down to the river at Greenwick to see Sir Francis Chichester's yacht "Gipsy Moth IV," and the "Cutty Sark."

About two weeks after this, the second group of Trailbuilder boys from Abbey Ward held their overnight camp under canvas at the Scouts Farm camp in Eltham.

Brother Wilbourne took his group by car on the Friday evening, and they were really a sight to see. One small car with one very brave male teacher surrounded by seven small boys, blankets, Wellington boots, frying pans and tins and tins of beans! They had great fun erecting their tents, and fixing supper around their camp fire. Brother Wilbourne gained a help-mate in Jimmy Butterfill, aged 14, who was invaluable as none of the others had ever camped before, but they all had a wonderful time.

The last activity of the summer came as a complete surprise when Brother and Sister Wilbourne gave a party for all the primary workers, which made a perfect end to a very enjoyable primary year.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

During the summer the ECCLES Branch paid a visit to Syme Park, there were 7 children and 7 adults in the party, including Branch President and Sister C. A. Grady. They finished the day at Manchester Airport and everyone really enjoyed the day's events.

The following week, members were asked to help sell flags for the Henshaw School of the Blind, and 40 of them volunteered. Apparently they collected £21 9s. 2d., between the



Primary Workers of the Catford Branch relax together at their end-of-the-year party.

Trailbuilders in the Church at Dover Castle.



hours of 10.30 a.m. and 4 p.m., with 1 hour off for lunch. Afterwards they hurriedly changed and went over to Liverpool for the Gold and Green Ball.

On Saturday, October 11, at the LIVERPOOL Chapel, the Primary children from the entire district presented their plays. These were all excellently portrayed and the children displayed good acting ability and excellent voice projection.

The Liverpool Primary presented two plays, "Snow White and Rose Red" and "Puss in Boots." Their scenery was painted by the Priesthood, with special mention of George Hoare and John Hughes.

Southport portrayed "Little Tuks History Book" and this was most enjoyable and well done.

Crosby's Branch's play was in verse about the joys the flowers bring to us. Wirral and Northwich branches also took part. All the children obviously enjoyed themselves.

SCOTTISH MISSION

On Friday, September 26, eight members of the ABERDEEN Branch went to President's Cooke's house at Perth for a dinner in aid of their building fund. An auction sale was also held, and games were played, making it a very enjoyable evening.

The next morning 40 members visited the American Naval Base at Edzell, where Brother and Sister Schofield, who are stationed there, acted as their host and hostess. They had a conducted tour through the base, saw the hospital and spent some time in the kitchens watching the food being prepared. Later they enjoyed some of these dishes as a meal was provided for them.

Brother Schofield is Sunday School Superintendent of the Aberdeen Branch, and he and his wife have two sons and a daughter, and will soon be blessed with another happy event.

Before they departed for home, the saints were shown some movies, and everyone agreed that it had been a day well spent.

The Elders Quorum of the SCOTTISH SOUTH District held a social with the theme on "Pioneer Night" on September 6. The evening was set round a camp fire and gave a very good effect of early days in the Church. Many musical numbers were rendered which added to the wonderful spirits. Those taking part were Brother and Sister J. Wesley Christensen, who sang. James McKellar with cowboy music, Robert McClinton, poem, Henry and Cornelia Baker, who sang in Dutch, then much to everyone's delight, Archibald R. Richardson, assistant to the Mission President, played the accordian. Brother and Sister Park then sang a duet.

Edward Steven and Elizabeth McLeod were in charge of the dance programme, which consisted mainly of Square Dances, etc. Ronald Lovell gave a monologue on a Mexican theme. In charge of the chuck wagon was Brother and Sister David McKinney, and everyone took part in the climax, which was a highly spiritual rendering of "God Be with You Till we Meet Again."

On September 26 to 28, SCOTTISH SOUTH District M.I.A. held a Youth Conference in Dumfries where over 100 young people attended. The weekend got off to a good start on the



Action in the Volley Ball game at the Scottish South M.I.A. Youth Conference.

Friday evening with an informal get-together and a sing-song. On the Saturday morning after an early breakfast there were a variety of workshops to attend, including Arts and Crafts in which John Raeburn demonstrated among other things, various methods of using everyday objects, such as leaves and twigs, to make attractive pictures.

Those interested in devoloping their muscles attended the weightlifting workshop, which was ably supervised by John Grant. Maureen Eagleson, Y.W.M.I.A. President, directed Drama and said with assurance that all who attended, enjoyed trying their hand at stepping out of character for a little while. A shooting range was set up by David Park, who ably assisted all who wanted to test their skill, and a Judo demonstration was staged by a local Dumfries club.

Dancing was another popular workshop and as always, Jim Stronach Jnr., helped everyone to keep right in step. The athletic types were kept on their toes by David Malcolm who refereed the Volley Ball, and Bill Eagleson kept an 'Eagle Eye' on all keen swimmers at the local pool. A very special mention must be given to Robert McClinton, who not only took the cookery workshop, but also prepared and cooked all the meals over the week-end. Robert, and ex-chef richly deserved the vote of thanks given him at the end of the conference.

A debate held after lunch, had participants and audience alike on their mettle following some controversial views on various subjects Speakers were alert, entertaining, and above all, very well informed with facts and figures at their fingertips to throw backwards and forwards to those with differing views.

The highlight of the week-end was

the dance held on the Saturday evening, everyone agreed it was one of the best ever, and together with Conference on the Sunday morning, rounded off a wonderful holiday, spiritually uplifting all who attended.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

Baptisms in the sea are again reported from HELSTON and REDRUTH in Cornwall. Saints from the two branches met together at Portkerris on September 21 to witness five baptisms; there had been another one on the previous day. Forty-nine saints attended the service, which proves that the Church is growing rapidly in that area.

After the baptism, 51 saints attended the Thanksgiving meeting at Helston. Later gifts of food and flowers were given to the sick members of the branch and the remaining gifts were taken to the old people at Meneage Hospital. The matron sent a letter of appreciation and thanks.

The latest report on the crop of oats grown in their Church field by members of the HELSTON Branch, is that the project was a great success. After all the expenses had been paid they had £65 5s. 5d. to add to their building fund.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

William Michael Howe, a deacon of the HARTLEPOOL Ward, won high praise in the local paper for the part he played in helping to print and write the school magazine at Brierton County Modern School. The title of the magazine was "Poems, Prose and Prints." William wrote a description of the North East weather entitled, "Walk in the Rain."

Members of the St. Austell Branch Primary enjoying a picnic in a park.





President and Sister Graham Pearce, with son Jamie and daughter Miranda Jane. They were recently presented with their Master M Man and Golden Gleaner Awards at the Cornish District Conference by Mission Counsellor Albert Gadsby.

On October 1, Harry Talbot, his wife Doreen and their children emigrated to Canada. Brother Talbot served in the BILLINGHAM Ward as Ward Clerk, and in HARTLEPOOL Ward as 2nd counsellor in the ward Relief Society. Before leaving the family were presented with a clock as a farewell gift from the members.

PETERLEE Priesthood dinner on Friday, September 26, was an enjoyable occasion. The delicious meal was prepared by the brethen and consisted of vegetable broth, followed by chicken curry, or rice and chicken, ending with fruit cocktail and jelly. After the meal the time was spent singing dancing and listening to Brother Richardson play the guitar and sing.



Doreen Talbot of Hartlepool Ward with her three daughters, Lynda, Eileen and Jill.

Congratulations

Births

August 7 — To Roy and Christine Anderson, Wirral Branch, (formerly Liverpool Branch), North British Mission, a daughter, Susan Joy.

July 30 — To Christopher and Susan Broadribb, (nee Paterson), Hyde Park Ward, London Stake, a son, Simon John.

September 2 — To Ken and Josephine Raine, Peterlee Branch, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Josephine Kay.

September 10 — To Hubert and Alma Wainwright, Newcastle Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Jason John.

September 5 — To Alan and Gloria McDonald, Dumbarton Branch, (late of Aberdeen), Scottish Mission, a daughter, Gail.

Engagements

Valerie Johnson and Paul Harrison, both of Billingham Ward, Sunderland Stake. Valerie introduced Paul to the Gospel and he was baptised in October.

Linda Goddard and Paul Laurie, Hartlepool Ward, Sunderland Stake.

Marriages

On Saturday, August 23, Kevin Gore and Jean Banfield, both of Eccles Branch, were married at the new Preston Chapel. This was the first wedding to take place in the chapel since its completion earlier this year. The ceremony was performed by Brother George Doughty, who together with his family, had been instrumental in Kevin being baptised in 1966.

Jean was given away by her elder brother Arthur, and had three bridesmaids; Karen and Susan Gore, and Deborah Waite. The best man was Leonard Boydell. The couple honeymooned in Wales and later attended the Temple.

Silver Wedding

James and Jean Such, of the Northfield Branch, Birmingham Stake, celebrated 25 years of happy marriage at a party on October 10, when over 90 people, members of their family, and friends gathered to pay tribute to them

They were married on October 7, 1944, at St. Peter's Church, Marborne, Birmingham, and have 4 children — 2 sons and 2 daughters — and two grandchildren. Brother and Sister Such and their family joined the Church in 1954 and have been actively engaged ever since.

We wish them many more years of happy life together.

Obituary

John Gibson, of Hartlepool Ward, aged 56 years. Brother Gibson was a faithful and active member and will be sadly missed in both ward and stake. He had served as Elder's Quarum President, assistant Stake Clerk and latterly Aaronic Priesthood under 21 General Secretary and Secretary of the 1st Elder's Quorum in the Sunderland Stake He leaves four sons, two of whom are members of the church.



The man who willeth to do well, we should extol his virtues, and speak not of his faults behind his back. A man who wilfully turneth away from his friend without a cause, is not easily forgiven. The kindness of a man should never be forgotten. That person who never forsaketh his trust, should ever have the highest place of regard in our hearts, and our love should never fail, but increase more and more, and this is my disposition and these my sentiments.

Joseph Smith

